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EGMORE,
3rd May 1932.

P. MACQUEEN,
Curator, Madras Record Office.

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(VOLUME XIV)

[*From January to December 1718*]

N°. 1

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t. and Govr. of Forts S^t. George S^t. David &c^a. Councill.

Honble. S^r. &c^a.

By Ship Hannover that arrived here the 10[^t.] we receiv'd your favour of the 9th. with fifteen thousand Pagodas and Packing stuff according to Invoice and bill of Loading.

Capt. Osborne has already taken on board five hundred Bales and in four or five days more we shall be able to advise the day that he may be ready to saile we shall be very carefull in observing your orders about our Invoice Bill of Loading and all other necessary papers to be sent from hence to our Honble. Masters Likewise about giving them what advices are materiall.

By the last of this month if the weather continues to favour us we shall have five hundred bales and most if not all of them white to help your Loading the Duke of Cambridge.

Sunca Ramahs people tell us that the two hundred Bales you mention as part of your Contract are Brown goods and can't be whitend here, our washers hands being full of work.

This with our Account Cash and Merchants Acc^ots. for last month is the present needfull from

Fort S^t. David
January y^e. 14th. 171$\frac{7}{8}$.

Honble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most Obed^t. hum^ble. Servants

Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Joseph Houghton.
Robert Berriman.
Thomas Wright.

N°. 2

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t. and Govr. of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Councill.

Honble. S^r. &c^a.

We was favour'd with your Hon^r. &c^a. Dated the 28th. ult^o. which came to hand the Six Instant and we are glad that our takeing five garse of Rice has met with your approvall we observe that Your Hon^r. &c^a. wish we had taken a larger quantity we are sorry it did not arrive before we had disposed of the Brigantine Prosperous

Cargo otherwise we could have increased it but we expect a Vessell from Bengall belonging [to] Mr. Williamson loaden with rice which if she [brings] we shall venture to Double the present quantity.

We have according to your Honr. &ca. orders deliver'd Auga Pera the Husbulhookum and he has [spoken] the same to the Phousdar upon which he was very well pleas'd and said it was very firm and what must be comply'd with he has sent a copy of it for the Nabob's peruseall.

We with dilligence observe what your Honr. &ca. mentions about Auga Pera and we will use our [utmost] endeavours to bring him to a quick expedition in making a speedy Conclusion of the present affair of Dieu Island.

Last night Auga Pera acquaints us that the [Nabob] had wrote to the phowsdar and he had seen the letter wherein intimates our Business about Dieu Island and in somuch that hes express'd that after the Phousdar comes matters relating to Dieu shall be Concluded therefore at his returne we are in great hopes of having that affair compleated to your Honr. &ca. Satisfaction.

We understand that the Nabob has wrote Capt. Gee and has order'd him to be very expeditious in [bal]ing in a readyness to repaire immediately for [Con] a place where Rajah Subbanah resides who is Opperows Brother and he's accordingly amaking all possible preparation he can to sett out.

The Nabob is remov'd from Ellure to a place called Cundum about four hours Journey from Newguere Fort where Rajah Opperow now resides and its reported that the Rajah has desird the Nabob would be pleas'd to send one Timmanaigue a Sowcarr and Auga Mino to him in order to consult and agree upon matters but as yet its refus'd by the Nabob on Account that he denys making a vissit which is what hinders his Accomplishing matters.

Ramrause and Anneaneede a Pallcarr as [we] advised the Honble. Governr. in ours of the 31st. Ultimo are return'd back to there [*sic*] Government.

This Phousdar having a brother in Calcutta [by] Name Coja Abdulah who is kept in Prison for the sume of Four Thousand Rupees, and he being willing to release him he sent for Auga Pera, and desired he would get us to desire your Honr. &ca. would be pleasd to favour him so farr as to send here three bills of exchange on the Gov. of Bengall, and he would take care to forward them we considering the Important affair he has taken to accomplish made us at last consent to mention it to your honr. &ca. hopeing it will meet with your Approveall.

We have got in our custody Four thousand Rupees New Metchlepatam of Coja Gees which he press'd hard for us to take we told him it would be time enough to receive the mony when the bills of Exchange came but he was not contented with that answer he being as we suppose apprehensive of our not writing tho we promis'd him we would Auga Pera assures us that our receiveing now the mony cant in any measure prove detrimentall to our affairs however we was very cautious and unwilling to comply with his request for fear of gaining your Honr. &ca. Displeas[ure] but upon his assureing Auga Pera before our cheif Dubash Ilue that in case your Honr. &ca. should not approve of sending bills of Exchange he would be contented to have his mony return'd again with[out] demanding or desireing any Interest on which [terms] we venture'd to take the Mony but in case he was [not] a going to the Nabob we should have refus'd.

Our Shroff has looked over all the Rupees [and] he acquaints us they are good.

What few Small Vessells has arrived here from Bengall with Grain sells at the reate of Sixteen measurs ℔ Rupee and but very indifferent rice we have nothing more materiall to Import but beg leave to Subscribe withall due Respects.

METCHLEPATAM
JANUARY YE. 9TH. 171$\frac{7}{8}$.

Honble. SR. &cA.
Your most Obedt. humble. Servt.

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

N°. 3

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.

Presid^t^. and Govr. of Fort S^t^. George and S^t^. David &c^a^. Councill.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

By the Companys Sloop Dartmouth that Arrivd here the 16th. in the morning we receiv'd here the 16th. in the morning we receiv'd Yours of the 14th. with packing stuff according to Invoice and Bill of Loading also your Packets for our Honble. Masters designed by ship Hannover that has already taken on board one thousand Bales but the remaining two Hundred or thereabouts will be received by [small] numbers so that we dont expect she'll take her full Load[ing by] Wednesday and Capt. Osborne proposes to sail on Saturday when we shall Date and Deliver Dispatches sign'd by the Deputy Govr.

We have receivd the ½ Rheam of Book Paper and most Respectfully Subscribe

Fort S^t^. David
January the 18th. 171 7/8.

Honble. S^rs^. &c^a^.
Your most Obed^t^. humble Servants.

Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Joseph Houghton.
Robert Berriman.
Thomas Wright.

List of Bales.

Embaled	1257
at the Beaters ...	150
at the Washers ...	279
at the Dyers	5
in the Merch^ts^. Godowns	80
Bales ...	1771

N°. 4

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. &c^a^. Councill at Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

We receiv'd yours of the 9th. October and two of the 31st. December 1716 and note the contents.

Our last to you was by the Catherine dated the 4th. of July 1716.

The goods we receivd were all very good in there kind the fine long cloth will for the Present be most Acceptable because we are indifferently well stockt with the coarser Sort and have no fine, that one bale being Immediately disposed of.

We should be glad to have some large Course [Shirts] ready made for our blacks the Honble: Company having increased the Number of them so that now we have about two hundred on the place and are not in so great need of blacks as before but if at any time you Shou'd have a naughty fellow who is strong of body we can make them serviceable here.

We have now [ ] supply of [Pitch or] tarr for the Shipping as well as cordage Anchors &c^a^. and doubt not fully to supply all the returning Ships with sufficient Refreshment.

There has touched here since our last to you the following Ships

On the 7th. August 1716 Arrived the Queen of Peace Capt. John Martin Commander. From Bombay.

January the 2^d^. the Catherine Capt. William Tucker. Bombay.

Ditto the 22th. the Cardonnell Capt. William Mawson. Madrass & Bencoolin.

Ditto the 31st. the Arabella Christopher Hinton Commander. Madrass.

Mochoa. February the 28th. the Brittish Merchant Capt. Thom. Gilbert.

Trincombarr. March the 15th. a Dean Ship named the Salvitor Miendi Capt. Robert Davison Fauye Commander from Trincombarr.

China. Aprill the 17th. the Stringer Galley Capt. John Clark Commander.

Madrass. Ditto. the 22d. the King George Capt. Samll. Lewis Commander with Governr. Harrison on board.

The 28th. Ditto passed by the Dutch Fleet of 26 Sail.

Bengall. Ditto arrived the Grantham Capt. Collet Comdr.

Bencoolin. The 29th. Ditto the Borneo Capt. Danell Burgess Comdr.

China and Madrass. May the 4th. the Dartmouth Capt. Thom. Blow Comdr.

Bombay. Ditto. the 9th. the Success Capt. Clapham Commander.

England. June the 15th. the Success Store Ship Capt. Benjamin Graves Commander from England.

Bombay. The 16th. Ditto the Stanhope Capt. Wenho George Pitt Commander.

And also the following ships from Madagascar Vizt.

Madagascar by Licence from the Honble. Company. On the 20th. February last the Drake William Macket Master.

The 5th. March the Mercury Ketch Henry Macket Master.

The 26th. Do. the Hamilton, Charles Burnham Master.

[ ] Aprill the Mercury William White Master and were bonnd to the West Indies to sell stores.

UNION CASTLE ST.
HELENA JULY THE 2D. 1717.

We are
Honble. Srs.
Your Humble Servants

ISAAC PYKE.
GEORGE HASWELL.
MATTHEW BARETT
ANTIPAS TOVEY.

No. 5

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLETT ESQR.

PRESIDT. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HONBLE. UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES

& GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

1. By the George Brigantine who Arriv'd here the 21st. of November we receiv'd your Honr. &ca. Letter dated the 4th. of October at a time we were Cherishing Ourselves with the pleasing Reflection of having discharg'd our Duty wth. honour and Justice in the late troublesome transactions of this place, and inferring from thence to receiv[e] no less then a full Approbation from your Honr. &ca. of our proceedings which we yet doubt not of when affairs are represented with truth and Sincerity in the Interim we cannot but Express the present Grief we are in for being under your Honr. &ca. displeasure.

2. We had sent the King William in due time but that the lives of so many Persons the safe Arrivall of the Honble. Companys treasure and their effects on board the Rochester depended entirely upon the relief she had from the King William if [ ] had sent the president she would not have been able to beat back against the Northwesters besides [being] Old and very much out of repair that we dare not venture her alone therefore design to send her in company with the Success when we dispatch her to Fort St. George after her return From Bantall.

3. As it would not become us to expostulate with our superiours so we presume 'twill not be thought Criminall when with respect we endeavour to Acquit Our Selves in order to regain your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Esteem we have procur'd Plank sufficient for the Sloop but the workmen Affirm'd it Requird sometime for seasoning to make it fit for use which is now almost ready and we shall work it up with all Expedition.

4. The 19th. Paragraph of our former by the King William is understood as if there was some intended Aspersion design'd particularly upon the Honble. Presid^t^. the Author of Letter solem'ly professes t'was far from his thoughts and Others of this board desires your Hon^r^. &c^a^. to believe they make better Judgment of things then to reflect in such Cases upon their Superiours.

5. Since Sultan Guillamots abdication of his former Government there has been various Affairs transacted particulars of which will be remitted from hence, We having but little time at present to inlarge upon this or any other Topick since we have not one hours disposall of the vessell that is to convey this to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. not that we in the least repine at it well knowing this will meet with a kind recept— tion, as it comes remitted with the fulness of truth and matter of fact what occurs then at present is a suddain Attempt Sultan Guillimot has made upon the Honble. Companys Bounds at Bantall he lets us know it is an hereditary Right to the Soveraignity of those parts induces him to use force of Arms to suppress his rebellious subjects as he Calls them he demonst[r]ated a piece of Clemency in the first Act of Hostility he committed by warning the Buggeeses to fly for their Lives which they accordingly did, some time after this a stragling party of ours that were sent out fell in with a body of the Enemy and sufferd very much, Ca[suality Gun]ners Mate was kill'd upon the spott and a Guardan by their ill conduct and imprudent management of themselves in the action we have had better Success Since by a party of ours repulsing the Enemy and taking a Frontier call'd Dusan Tingee.

6. We have sent the Ship Success thither with a Supply of Men mony and Ammunition which we hope will put a stop to Sultan Guilliamots designs protect the Pepper Plantations and restore peace and tranquility in those parts.

7. We duly and Carefully establish Surveyors of all the Pepper Plantations, Dupatty Benteering is lately arriv'd from a progress he has made a great way round the Country and we shall duly transmit the particular Account we shall receive from him on this affair.

8. The Sugar Plantation flourishes we have now on hand near three hundred pecull of Sugar ready made and the Mill constantly at work there would have been the Same proportion of Arrack if the want of Stills had not prevented it, however, they make some quantitys of that also with the Small Stills they have at present and it proves excellent.

9. The Timber Buildings contracted in the Honble. Presid^ts^. time are compleated as also very near another range in the Fort consisting of Lodgings for the Officers and others and Commodious barracks for the Soldiers the exterior side of those Buildings are boarded with strong laths and plasterd with a strong cement of Chinam Jaggary &c^a^. this Secures them from accidents of fire on that side and affords a very strong paggar that may endure some years without the least repair the late rainy Season has gave a good proof of this kind of work the Interior side has Piazas the whole length which shades the People from the Sun and defends them from any inclemency of weather in the middle of the whole there is a substansial strong and beautyfull Gate [made of] Brick, and coated with a strong Plaster we have now lai'd the foundation of the Gunroom and Armory which makes the fourth and last range and this compleats all the Buildings in the Fort there is no other sort of wood or Timber now us'd in any Building but sassafrass we find by experience it is upon all accounts the only Sort fit for Service, we have been hard at work upon the Bastion and continue so and will finish it with all expedition here has been Nothing done of that Kind till lately since the departure of the Honble. Presid^t^. from this place but as We can now procure great Quantitys of Bricks and Chinnam that work We beleive will not stand still a second time.

10. We are sorry your Hon^r^. &c^a^. do not approve of the measures taken in reference to the Gaming licence we have since arrivall of the Brigantine sent for the Pangarans the Dattues and Dupattys and in discours with them have us'd the most cogent arguments to bring them to a voluntary grant for such an assesment upon their Gaming by way of Lycence but they strenuously oppose any such thing therefore we humbly concieve it is a method impracticable without disobliging those we are most Oblig'd to for their pepper.

11. Our Honble. Masters have bountifully supply'd us with men mony Madera wine and other comfortable things and we are sure shall give a satisfactory Account to them and your Hon^r^. &c^a^. of all disbursments made of their treasure and the Frugality we will use in expending those other Conveniencys of life our present Paymasters books is an instance of the first and our Stewards monthly acc^ts^. an Example of the latter we desire no other character then ingratis if we abuse such indulgent favours and kind expressions for our health and welfare as our Honble. Masters are pleas'd to bestow on us.

12. Advices of the State of this place was sent by the Elizabeth Capt. Norgate in May last which find is not come to hand, the next day after her departure arrivd here Ship Hester from Borneo with only ten tons of Pepper on board as she is the Greatest charge on hand design to dis[patch her]home in January we will exert ourselves in making what provision [we] can towards dispatching the Benjamin as soon as possible.

13. Since Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. are not pleas'd to grant us a further Supply of Stationary ware we will make what we have by us last as long as possible.

14. We send by this conveyance Coppy of our Generall Letter sent to our Honble. Masters ℘ ship Rochester where is containd the late Transactions here and the Circumstances we were then in we request your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Perusall of it our time being so short now Obliges us to close this letter in hast we presume twill be equally Surprizing to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. as to our Honble. Masters to find two such bold aggressors as Messrs. Shylling and Garret the former imputes his miscarriage to M^r^. Garrets first Introducing such Bad Practices and the latter says the former had cognizance of whatever was done of this kind we have not had time to make any inspection into M^r^. Garrats Accounts as paymaster at Moco Moco and Bentall there has been expended there in these twelve months past upwards of Forty thousand Dollars as appears by Cash Sent thither Bills of Exchange and Wares sent them the first Oppertunity we intend to make a scrutiny into this affair we have two much reason to apprehend the contagion has reach'd those parts We plainly see how useless Moco Moco is and will be as a frontier an Enemy need only be at the trouble to march a few miles up in the Country and they pass with ease either in or out any part of the Companys Limits in those parts as Sultan Guilliamott has now, we cannot in our Oppinions Concieve any one advantageous Article it can afford to our Honble. masters We could say more on this head as that the place is destitute of Fresh water &c^a^. but submit it to the better Judgments of our Superiors.

15. We send herewith Extracts of Messrs. Shyllinge and Garrets Accounts exactly taken from their paymaster books with the survey taken by the Deputy Govr. &c^a^. Council of what done in their time for our particular proceedings herein we desire your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will please to refer to the Consultations at that time their respective Accounts Curr^t^. comes also wherein [is credited] for what-ever repairs or work there was the least Probability was done in their times.

16. Part of M^r^. Shyllings Effects are kept in the Honble. Companys warehouse a list of which comes inclosed we shall wait your Hon^r^. &c^a^. orders for the method you please to think most proper for the disposall of them we cannot yet be Certain what effects of M^r^. Garrats will fall into the Honble. Companys hands neither have we yet made an end with his business as the Detecting such Proceedings proves highly advantageous to Our Honble. Masters and they being made Examples will deterr others from attempting the like and as we question not but to receive your hon^r^. &c^as^. Approbation for thus performing so necessary a part of our duty so a

kind Acceptance of our Endeavours and labour this way will always be a sufficient encouragement and reward for us to persevere in our honest Endeavours as the Generall Letter to England by the Rochester is pretty ample on this Affair and our Consultations very particular we request your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will please to have Recourse thereto which we presume will Supply the brevity of this Letter.

17. There has lately been a treacherous design carryd on not only against the Honble. Companys Settlement here but for the extirpating the whole constitution of the Malay Government in these parts but happily discoverd before they had fully concerted their formidable Designs for this purpose.

18. About two Months past there came into these parts a leading man amongst the Oran Gunno's under the character of a Padre namd Panamear with a Retinue of about forty men of his Country at his Arrivall here he waited on the Deputy Govr. with a tender of his respects and requested the protection of the Honble. Companys for himself and his people, the short time that he should abide here which would be no longer then he could negotiate his business in order to settle an amicable correspondance with the Government here and to [settle] for such goods as his Country produced such as Pepper Wax Elephants [teeth &c^{a}.] his Proposall was [ac]cepted with a generall Approbation and the reather because his reputed Sanctity had attracted the Eyes and hearts of the People to him who he receivd with extraordinary Courtesy this and the readiness he show'd in making a price for his Pepper, with his promises of pretty good Quantitys from the provinces under his Jurisdiction, We thought was a sufficient inducement to dismiss such a Man with civility and some few Presents.

19. He accordingly departed for his own Country and return'd hither in the limited time pursuant to his [words] with some numbers of People, Every one bringing some Pepper in baskets, besides wax &c^{a}. he was Receivd by the Deputy Govr. with friendship and Civility we esteem'd him a man of his word and as such a one show'd him the due respect.

20. The Quantity of Pepper brought was about Six baharrs, and forty more expected, twas about this Time the Pangarans had taken some notice at his bringing so many people with him, which we being advisd of sent for the stranger who let us know these people were no more than necessary to bring his Marchandize Except some few that came to perform their ceremonys due to a Person of his profession, that as soon as he had receiv'd Salt in exchang for his pepper, he was ready to depart, that very day there was a great resort of people to him from all parts, among the rest was Rajah Cutcheel alias Dupatty Tangallo, and some disaffected persons from the Northward, this gave some suspicion that his exterior deportment was no way conformable to his private intentions, to be ascertaind of the truth we resolv'd to keep a strict Eye upon him and Scrutinize into his actions and that we might be more particularly informd Capt. John Irving was sent upon this Errand as a Person most qualify'd to penetrate into his real designs the information he gave us [on] his return gave some light into this affair the Stranger Confessed he had receivd a letter from Sultan Guilliamot, and that he would (if the Deputy Govr. pleas'd) go to the Northward and Accomodate matters there by his Presence, without any expence to the Honble. Company, We beleiv'd this to be only a specious pretence to joyn Guilliamott and his forces, to the Northward, we the same day receivd Certain information that he was debauching our Malay inhabitants to his interest, and not knowing but such indirect methods might cause a generall defection amongst them, we immediately sent for the Pangarans Dattues, and Dupattys, in order to a generall beechar when they were conven'd together, we desir'd their oppinion of the present posture of affairs they unanimously Agreed that their Sentiments were that they believd the Stranger had no intention to trade or traffick or to enter into any friendship with the Honble. Company, but made use of that artifice to cover their treacherous designs, that they were well advisd of this and also that Sultan Guilliamott and the Stranger, acted in Concert with one another, the first was to destroy Bentall Factory, the latter the Settlement here, we were yet unwilling to come to an open rupture with the Stranger he promising to wait on the Deputy Govr. and give fresh assurances that his intentions were honest.

21. About this time we found he had so cunningly manag'd the severall humours of our Malays, that after having securd some Numbers of them to himself in private, he at last gather'd some of distinction and those best belov'd by the People we then resolv'd and thought it high time to regard him no longer as a friend, but on the Contrary a treacherous Villain and that we might the better be upon the offensive and defensive part, we sent orders to the Commanders of the respective Europe Ships immediately to assist Us with their proportion of Men according to the tenor of their severall charterparty's, which they rea[dily] Conform'd to, the Covenanted Servants the Tradesmen &c^a^. were orderd to be under arms in the Fort the Honble. Companys Buggeese, were dispos'd of in Propper Quarters and all our men Slaves arm'd with Swords and Lances were upon the Scout when necessary so that by this means the Soldiers, and the Seamen, could be better Spar'd to make up our little Army to march out when we found the Enemy approaching the Fort was supply'd with Ammunition of every kind and our great Guns mounted in the most convenient places, this we thought the most advisable method at this Juncture and this Morning sent Capt. Irving to acquaint the Stranger that we expected his finall answer whether he would disperse his People or no immediately, and Come to treat with the Deputy Govr. alone, or with two, or three of his people, he at last positively deny'd both and before Capt. Irving had recover'd the China gate he had attacked our Malays, he and Capt. Gwilliam who was there also with M^r^. Adaire, were oblig'd to ride for their lives by the Seaside, we in the Fort had selected a body of forty Soldiers and about the same number of Seamen, were in a readiness to march out each party commanded by their respective Capt^ns^. in to distinct Column's with orders to assist the Malays, and do what execution they could upon the Enemy, by the time both Party's had got over the Downs towards Bencoolen they discover'd a body of the Enemy they were obligd to redouble their speed to intercept them, which had the desir'd success, our Men met and attack'd them with abundance of bravery and gaind an entire Victory our Slaves ought not to be forgotten they answerd our design in placing them as Scouts and did very good Execution, there were twenty heads brought in from the place, they engag'd upon, we must in doing justice to the Enemys courage say there was not a man in the Action but what facd our people nor one that Offord to save himself by flight or submit to be t[aken] Prisoner and when they had disputed the matter with Lances they handled their Swords and came within Pistoll Shott of our Men which put an end to their bravery at the loss of their lives.

22. Cap^ts^. Gordon and Irving who behav'd themselves gallantly in the whole Engagement (as did also Cap^ts^. Bradley, Middleton, Gwillim, and M^r^. Adaire) were Resolv'd to prosecute the Victory, and so speedily march'd to Bencoolen, where the business was done to their hand, for our Buggeeses, and the Malay's had made a terrible Slaughter among the Enemy, the Streets were coverd with the Slain, and the blood running up and down, those that attempted to save themselves by swimming over the River met their fate before they could reach the other side, we are not certain what numbers of the Enemy are slain here, which must be very considerable there is five Prisoners, brought in and our Buggeeses, are in pursuit of the runaways there is Severall of our Malays kill'd and wounded and one Buggeese Corporall is dead of his wounds, the rest are in a fair way of recovery thus have we by the Blessing of God obtaind a glorious Victory, frustrated the treacherous designs of our Enemys, and reduced everything at present to peace and tranquillity, we cannot but observe from the transactions of this Affair how ready and bold the Malays are to assert their liberty and property when they find an absolute necessity for it and we cannot enough commend the fidelity and Courage of our Buggeeses who sufferd most in the whole engagement.

23. Doctor Pechier's Salary for one Month which comes to Dollars Sixteen two Sucas sixty seven Cash we find he has not receivd nor his servants wages which is Dollers three two Sucas, thirty three Cash amounting in all to Dollers twenty, one suca tho M^r^. Garret in his Paymasters Account for July has charg'd his Servants wages and says it has been payd him but doctor Pechier is the best Judge of the truth thereof this among a great many other things we have allowd of in his

Accounts and will Serve we believe as a specimen of his greater abuses done to our Honble. Masters.

24. The Honble. Presid^ts^. Letter to Sultan Cutcheel has been forwarded to him by the first Conveyance to Bentall.

25. The Consultations &c^a^. necessary books of Acc^ts^: being so lately sent to our Honble. Masters by the Rochester the former cant be so conveniently coppy'd over on the short warning we have of the Brigantines depart[ure] but they are Coppy'd to the ultimate transactions with M^r^. Shyllinge and the most necessary books relating to the same as the Paymasters Accounts and the Stewards are brought up to the ultimo of last month and comes by this Brigantine for your Hon^r^. &c^a^. ℘ rusall.

26. On the suspension of M^r^. Shyllinge from the Honble. Companys Service for his fraudulent dealings the[re] became of course a vacancy in Councill which was unanimously fill'd up by consent of the whole Councill in choosing M^r^. James Morris as a member of this board which we hope your hon^r^. &c^a^. will please to Confi[rm] and Approve of.

27. The Account Currant of Messrs. Shyllinge and Garret with the extract and the survey of what done in their time comes herewith for your Hon^r^. &c^a^. perusall.

28. The Rochester sail'd hence the 26th. October last the Hester we hope as she is the greatest charge and biggest ship to dispatch some time in next month the Success is a guard Ship at Bantall during these late troubles and so are the Ships here in the road, but when they are somewhat abated we inten'd to dispatch the Success, and President for Fort S^t^. George the latter being so weak and Crazy as not fit for adventure her singly without the company of some other ship for fear of the loss of Ship and Mens lives, after which we shall have only the Benjaman on hand who if the troubles in the Country don't Oblige us to keep her here we may perhaps send her to Batavia for Stores we are at present in great want of, we are in pain for fear of having the Thistleworth also on our hands which must be expected provided she meets with no better success then the Hester last year at Borneo.

29. The Severall Papers from your Accomptant relating to this place, has been deliverd to our Accomptant in order to regulate our Accounts thereby.

30. The Honble. Companys Pepper Plantation is duely taken care of at the charge of twenty six dollars ℘ mensem, as yet it does not produce any Pepper but hope twill not be long ere it does.

31. Sultan Querone, and Dattu Sinda Maccoota at Catown, advising that Sultan Guilliamot was near that place with a considerable force we thought it advisable to secure that place and the pepper plantations adjacent thereto, by sending ten European souldiers forty Buggeeses, and a party of Slaves under the Command of M^r^. Stephen Newcome who readily Accepted the Charge as one that could be best spar'd in his Employ, we sent M^r^. Henry Bayley with him as a Linguist and to assist him on other occasions they have had some little Skirmishes with Guilliamotts party, at last M^r^. Newcome advises that Guilliamott has sent to him to desire a Cessation of Arms and to have an Interview between them we believing this will be a means of hindring Guilliamots joyning with the Oran Gunno's as well as securing the Pepper Plantations from being distroy'd, have agreed to the aforesaid proposall and in the sequel dont at all doubt but to give your Hon^r^. &c^a^. satisfactory Account of this Neg[otiation].

Capt: Ford dy'd in April last he made a Will and left what he had to his wife after his Debts were pay'd his Trustees Messrs. Ellill and Walsh having renounced their Executorship and Legacys, the Honble: Comp^a^. took care of his Effects and sold them at publick Outcry to the amount of Rialls one thousand one hundred thirteen one sucas which remains in the Secretary's hands till farther orders.

32. M^r^. Kington desires Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. excuse for not sending his Storekeepers Accounts being so lately sent ℘ the Rochester and not having time enough to do it by this Brigantine but promises to remit them all by the Success.

33. The Deputy Govr. in ℘ticular and all of us in Generall craves the liberty to assure your Hon^r^. &c^a^. that we are now diligent in discovering Severall frauds and abuses done to our Honble. Masters at Bentall and Moco Moco, we are busy in fortifying this place with trenches, turf, Walls &c^a^. from the incursions of any Enemy with little Charge, the Pallisado Paggar being rotten and not fit to trust to, the considerable progress already made in five Days and the time we shall in all likelyhood finish so defensive and necessary a work, Capt. Middleton will further Acquaint your Hon^r^. &c^a^. he being an eye witness to our industry in this affair, we are Cultivating a good understanding with severall people about the increase of pepper, the civill, Military and Tradesmen are kept in due decorum, and the affairs of the west coast in generall are so well settled and the pleasing Prospect we have of their Continuing so as renders it we believe almost impossible by any ill management here to alter the Course thereof.

We have not further to add then to wish your Hon^r^. &c^a^. prosperity in our Honble. Masters affairs and are

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your most humble and most
obedient Servants

FORT MARLBOROUGH
DECEMBER THE 16TH. 1717.

RICHARD FARMER.
ELISHA ELLILL.
M^r^. Newcome absent at Cattown
JOHN KINGTON.
JAMES MORRIS.

P.S.

We have received the severall wares and stores by the George Brigantine as ℘ Invoice, herewith comes a list of stores wanting in this place.

The Success brought severall packets from the Court of Directors and S^t^. Hellena which comes by this conveyence.

No. 6

TO THE HON^BLE.^ JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T.^ AND GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HON^BLE^. S^R^.

Since our last to your Hon^r^. of the 9th. Instant we have been favour'd with yours dated the 4th. and arriv'd our hands the 13th., in the first place we have according to your hon^r^. order explain'd fully Auga Peras letter to him and persuent to order have deliverd him the letter from Sied Abdulah Cawne.

On Saturday last the Phousdar sett out on his Journey for Cawneull with a hundred horse which came from the Nabob to go along with him his speedy departure from hence was occasion'd by Rajah Subbanahs not Complying with the Nabobs demand and he's by report run [away].

Just upon the Phousdars setting out Auga Pera went and carry'd Seid Abdulah Cawns letter he looked upon the Chop and said it was firme after which he return'd it to Auga Pera again saying when he had occasion for it he would send, the meaning of which we aie apprehensive is contrary to what he has hitherto pretended we should have thought as his going to the Nabob it would have been the best Oppertunity he could have embraced in carrying the letter and more especially as he's orderd to accomodate Subbarahs business and after such Services are compleated we think should be an Instrument of his more insinuateing into the Nabobs favour his refusing and expressing that it was not a fitt Oppertunity is what makes us beleive that he has ever since he was lead into the affair of Dieu Island been equivocating if so we are sorry that he should feed us up with good hopes and at last non℘formance the blame

of which lays wholy upon Auga Pera for he was the person that always inform'd us what Coja Gee used to speake and whither he has made any enlargements we can't as yet be certain.

What made us not advise sooner of Coje Gee not carrying the letter was because we was in some hopes that after he arrived the Nabob he would send for it but as we finding to the Contrary we took it into consideration and thought it highly necessary to acquaint your Hon^r^. of the same as we not knowing wither [*sic*] it might be an Obsticle of detaining his Worship Hordens setting out and we hope before now the Gusbardar is arriv'd to your Hon^r^.

We have advised Auga Pera to send the letter to the Phousdar which he refuses and we are affraid he has devulg'd every individiall thing to him we are advised that Coja Gee has given orders to his people that in case Auga Pera should offer to goe away to stop him [ ] Interest is at [ ] but [little] we desired him severall times to press hard for the Phousdars accomplishing our affairs upon which he us'd to speak in a very indifferent manner and say he was no Nabob and could do no more then in his power (if that fulfill'd is as much as could be expected) but we are affraid its not practiced.

A little time before the Phousdars departure Auga Pera severall times press'd hard for our makeing him a present of one thousand Rupees which we refused and told him we was not impowerd to do any such thing and his desiring us was in vain and to no purpose for we would not in any measure act against your Hon^rs^. orders.

Its our Oppinions that after the Phousdar had seen Seib Abdulah Cawns Chop and the letter directed to Mauberize Cawne that he was apprehensive of its being of such a power as might immediately be comply'd with which might be a means of his loosing what he through covetuousness expects by which at his return he may promise great things and tell us our business shall be speedily Accomplish'd and at the same time his inclination and endeavours may be quite the reverse.

Rajah Opperow has accommodated matters with the Nabob for the sume of Rupees two hundred and ten thousand the half to be paid downe the remainder in two months we begg leave to subscribe with all due respect.

METCHLEPATAM Honble. S^r^.

JANUARY THE 17TH. 171$\frac{7}{8}$. Your most Obedient Humble Servant

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

N°. 7

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

Honble. S^r^.

Our last to your Hon^r^. was the 17th. instant which advis'd of all Occurrances to that time since which we have good advices that the Phousdar is arriv'd at Cawnecull and the Nabobs Son, they have lay'd cloose [*sic*] seige against Rajah Subbanah notwithstanding he stands out stiffly and refuses to comply with the Nabobs demand which has occasiond his sending great Gunns against him.

The full Rent that is due from Subbanah as by information is Twenty seven thousand Pagodas he's willing to comply in paying the half and say's that's the utmost sume which has inraged the Nabob passion.

We have intelligence that the Nabob is remov'd from cundum to a place calld Perkere and designs in few days to Cawnecull in case things do not quickly answer his expectation he has for this two days pass'd sent people here for a quantity of shott Gunpowder and lead which gives us reason to beleive theres some thing more then ordinary in adgitation and as yet keept undiscover'd we heartily wish he may not spare any of his Ammunition to Rajah Opperow.

We have little hopes of the Phousdars sending for Seib Abdulahs Cawns letter to the Nabob and excep ting] he should Auga Pera will keep it we have advised him again to send which he refuses so that according [to] what we can Apprehend theres nothing [interesting] till such time his worship Horden comes downe we beg leave to subscribe with all due Respects.

METCHLEPATAM
JANUARY YE. 20TH. 171 7/8.

Honble. Sr.
Your Most Obedt. humble. Servts.

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 8

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ.
PRESIDT. AND GOVR. OF FORTS ST. GEORGE
AND S. DAVID &CA. COUNCILL

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Your Originall favour of the 21st. by Tappys came to hand the 23d. and its Duplicate by Ship Metchlepatam the 25th. the day that we deliver'd your Dispatches to Capt. Osborne who saled with a fair wind the same night.

Inclos'd we send coppys of what we wrote to our Honble. Masters Invoice and Bill of Loading for Ship Hanovers Cargo with an Account of our Buildings.

The Vessells you sent for Bales will be Dispatch't as soon as possible and the Madrass Brigantine is already Loaden with the Merchants Brown Cloth in order to sail with the first fair wind, upon her we shall send about half the number of the Soldiers orderd from this Garrison.

We shall observe your orders about Receiving Goods from Suncar Narran and Respectfully subscribe

FORT ST. DAVID
JANUARY THE 29TH. 171 7/8.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your Most Obedt. humble.
Servants.

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
JOSEPH HOUGH[TON].
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

P. S.

We desire by first conveyancy what Writing paper you can spare [about] 2 Quire remaining by us.

F. H.
J. B.

No. 9

TO THE HONBLE. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE. UNITED
COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. The last we did ourselves the Honr. to write you was by Ship Dartmouth dated the 8 . of last January whose Duplicate was sent from Fort St. George by the Prince Frederick.

2. This comes by your ship Hannover that arrived here the 10th. and is loaden with 1170 Bales amounting to Pagodas sixty nine thous [*sic*] nine hundred forty eight twenty fanams thirty Cash as ℘ Invoice which with bill of Loading is Inclosed.

3. We please our selves that all the sorts of Goods will meet your Approbation with a proffitable sale especially the Blew Cloth which the Deputy Governour took under his Particular care and we can affirm the Dyers work to better done than any that has formerly been sent you The 25 Bales Midling Blew in quarter peices were order'd for a tryall when Governour Collet was here.

4. Our Merchants have not only comply'd with their Contract for one thousand eight hundred Bales made the 28th. of February but brought in over and above four hundred Bales more which we perswaded them to provide in November in order to be [sure of a full] Loading for your ship the Duke of [Cambridge] the Disputes with Diaram put a sto[p . . .] their Goods to Madrass the Govern[r]. [. . .] pleas'd with our Success on that [. . .] on and we are now Dispatching [. . .] tines and Sloops [. . . .]

5. The Dearness of Cotton hindred our procureing an abatement of prizes in the last Investment and we can't promise any better success in the next seeing no likelyhood of its growing cheaper and the French at Pondicherry having lately Contracted for one hundred and thirty thirty (*sic*) thousand Pagodas on less advantagious terms however when the Governour and Councill send their orders from ffort S[t]. George we shall use our utmost Endeavours and think ourselves happy if we can do any thing for your interest.

6. The works on your Buildings and Repairs of your Fortifications &c[a]. that were order'd when Gov[r]. Collet was here have been carried on wonderfully by reason of the Dry Season as by an Account Inclosd to compare with the Draughts which we presume were sent you from Fort S[t]. George.

7. We send you a List of debts in our Generall Books Letter P that ended the 30th. of last Aprill that of Eram Rauze for nine hundred five four fanames is lessen'd to six hundred forty nine twenty fañames by an order from the Govr. and Councill to Credit his Account Pagodas two hundred twenty fanams M[r]. Thomas Woodward Paymaster not paying his Ballance of Pagodas 190—19—4 in due time was dismiss'd your service by order in a Generall letter dated the 28th. of June since which by selling his Household Goods and stopping his Sallary the Debt is reduced to Pagodas fifty four twenty nine fañames four Cash Peram Rauzes house was sold for Pagodas twenty two in part of Payment of his Debt for Pagodas one hundred thirty seven twenty six Fan[s]. five Cash.

8. By the list of Revenues your Hon[r]. will Observe that the Bound Rent continues to let for Pagodas three thousand three hundred thirty three twelve fañames [as] the last Renters were such great loosers that we could [not] bring these to pay that Sum without allowing the [. . .] of five [. . .] and continuing also the Betle and [. . .] same time which before was granted only for three years and notwithstanding this Encouragement they make every Mallencholly Bargain since great part of the seeds on the ground are perish'd for want of Rain and Rice is scarce [almost] to a Famine which begins already in the Country and nothing but a supply of what is sent from Bengall to Fort S[t]. George can keep it out of our Bounds.

9. The King of Atchene notwithstanding his peoples' Invitation to Trade again to that Port has treated us [worse] than formerly so that we are Disapointed in the hopes we had of Increasing your Sea Customes that way.

10. The Peace and Quietness in the Country Governments have very much favourd our bringing in such a great Quantity of Cloth.

11. M[r]. John Smith fifth in Councill and Late Paymaster Dyed the 9th. of last month of a violent Feaver after no more than four days sickness he left only a Verball Will giving his Estate in halves to his Sister and the Poor and Appointing the Deputy Govern[r]. his Executor his Accounts are not yet made up so that we can only

guess at his Circumstances and reckon what he leaves after his Debts are paid to be very inconsiderable. The rest of your Servants both Civill and Millitary are in good order and we shall take care to keep them so.

12. Inclos'd are Muster Roll of your Soldiers with the Monthly Charges of each Company [likewise that] of the gunroom Crew all signed by the [Paymaster].

13. We send also a list of your [Covenanted servants] with burialls from the last of [December 1716 to the] last of December 1717 and with our hearty Prayers for your Healths and Prosperity most Respectfully subscribe.

Honourable
Your most Obedient and most
faithfull humble Serv^ts^.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
THE 25TH. JANUARY 171$\frac{7}{8}$.

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
JOSEPH HOUGHTON.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

P.S.
By your Ship Metchlepatam just now Arriv'd from Madrass in two Days we have news that the George Brigantine Arriv'd there from the West Coast where your Affairs are in a very bad Condition.
The Duke of Cambridge was not arriv'd at Madras the 23^d^.

N°. 10

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.

PRESID^T^. AND GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

Our last was by the Hannover bearing Date the 3^d^. Ult°. Copy of which comes herewith.

The 28th. ultimo between Six and Seven in the evening the Honble. Robert Hedges Esqr. our late President and Govr. departed this Life when we immediately forwarded advices to the Worshipfull Samuel Feake Esqr. then at Cassimbarar who we daily expect to take his place at our board but it growing late in the Season and considering this ship must be unloaded at your port we have resolvd to dispatch her without delay she has on board six hundred Bales and Chests and what Kintlage we could possibly spare her amounting to Rupees three hundred eleven thousand and four hundred and fifty six, thirteen [an]nas six Pice besides which on your last advices of [the] Apprehension you were under of the great scarcity [grain] we have laden on board four hundred and [. . .] Bazar of Rice and shall give all in [ ] by Public notice to all Ships and Vessells bound to your Coast [to] carry what Grain they can take in this ship is filld up with Stores for your Presidency according to your List sent us.

As we wrote you in our former the Gurzburdar with a seerpaw for Govr. Collet comes here with and we have given orders to Capt. Small to treat him civilly and give [him] convenient Accommodation in the great Cabin.

We still lye under the same misfortune for want of Petre none being as yet arriv'd Hughly which makes us glad to find in your Letter dated the 9th. September you write you shall have almost enough to Kintlage on ship Capt. Small has on board one thousand and fifty four Baggs of Petre a small matter more than his Charterparty Proportion he has made his request for nine hundred and sixty five more to make his ship sail worthy but we not being able to assist him have promis'd to request your Hon^r^. would supply him [send]as soon as the ships are sailed we shall send the Mary Buoyers and the George Brigantine (as soon as she arrives us) with Petre to store you again.

We have not a sufficient Quantity of Red woud to Kintlage one ship therefore desire your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will please to send us enough for the next shipping by the ships that come down hither which is Six ℔ Cent on their tonnage.

We congratulate your Hon^r. &c^a. on the Success you have met with in repossessing your selves of Trivatore and Doubt not but your good Conduct in that action will be a means of having Deivy Island deliverd up in a peaceable manner since the enemy find we are resolv'd to show our Faces to Fortune and not tamely loose any Part of his Majestys Favours Granted us in his Royal Phirmaund we shall be glad to hear of M^r. Hordens being in a quiet Possession of that Island and are

FORT WILLIAM
JANUARY 6TH. 171 7/8.

Honble. S^r. &c^a.
Your very hum[ble Servants]

[SAMUELL FEAKE].
[JOHN WILLIAMSON].
[EDWARD PAGE].
[SAMUELL BROWNE].
[JOHN DEANE].
[HENRY FRANKLAND].
[WILLIAM SPENCER].
[W. COLLETT].

N°. 11

TO THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. AND GOVERN^R. OF FORTS S^T. GEORGE AND S^T. DAVID &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

Inclosed is our last months Account Cash.

The Companys Vessells and ship Francis with your Merchants Cloth and our Bales will sail with the first Hatch of a fair Wind By one of them we shall send our Generall books Consultations Sea Customers Registers, and Paymasters Accounts, the fifty souldiers will be put on Board the Metchlepatam and Madrass Brigantines.

Lieutenant Hobbs dyed the 4th. Instant much lamented and we can't desire a better man to succeed in that Post.

Serjant Dillon Corporalls Thomas Key Thomas Gouge William Smith one of the Deputy Governours Guard and John Eaton Centinall deserted the 2^d. Instant and our Peons from the Southward are come back without any news of them so that we hope they may be seized upon in your parts and suffer as they Deserve. Thomas Key has been already pardond for the same Crime.

The Merchants have basely deceiv'd us upon fullfilling their Contract in the Most valluable Article of Longcloth ordinary of which we have been obliged to turn out a great number of Bales and must wait some time for that proportion of their Contract as well as of what Goods they have brought in over and [above] and so long we shall Deferr sending their Acc[ounts. The places] where we bury the Dead both at Tevenapa[tam & Cuddalore] are shamefully expos'd to all sorts of [. . . .] and about the graves in many [. . . .] and other Beasts so that we desire your Hon^r. &c^a. ℘mission to make a Fence with some old Bricks that remain[ed] of the Fort Buildings at present are not fitt for other use we hope yo[u are] pleasd to think this a very necessary work and pr[omis]ing our greatest care in the frugall part Respect[fully] subscribe

FORT S^T. DAVID
FEBRUARY THE 6TH. 171 7/8.

Honble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most Obed^t. humble Servants

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
JOSEPH HOUGH[TON].
ROBERT BERRI[MAN].
THOMAS WRIGHT.

N°. 12

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. AND GOVR. OF FORTS ST. GEORGE AND ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

This comes by Sloop Dartmouth with thirty six Bales amounting to Pagodas one thousand nine hundred ninety one ten fanames twenty six Cash as ℘ Invoice which with Bill of Loading is Inclosed. We most respectfully subscribe

FORT ST. DAVID
FEBRUARY YE. 7TH. 171 7/8.

Honble Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedt. humble Servants
FRANCIS HASTINGS.
[JOHN BERLU].
[MATHEW WELD].
[JOSEPH HOUGHTON].
[ROBERT BERRIMAN].
[THOMAS WRIGHT].

N°. 13

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.

PRESIDT. AND GOVERNR. OF FORTS ST. GEORGE AND ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCILL.
HONBLE. SR. &CA.

This comes by the Madrass Brigantine on which we have laden the Merchants brown cloth as by a Receipt which the Master has given them.

We likewise send by her twelve Eropeans and twelve Topaz soldiers as ℘ a list with an Account of what money advanced them Inclosed. We most respectfully subscribe

FORT ST. DAVID.
FEBRUARY THE 7TH. 171 7/8.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedient humble Servts.

P.S.
We have put on board for the soldiers ten Days Provision.

F.H.
J.B.
M.W.
J.H.
R.B.
T.W.

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATHEW WELD.
JOSEPH HOUGHTON.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

N°. 14

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. AND GOVR. OF FORTS ST. GEORGE AND ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

This comes by Ship Metchlapatam with seventy five Bales amounting to Pagodas four thousand & one [thirty] three fanames forty four Cash as ℘ Invoice [which] with Bill of Loading is Inclosed She brings also [some Serv]ants Brown Cloth to compleat with what [. . .] Brigantine two hundred Bales all [. . .] ship'd off From Cuddalore.

The soldiers on board this ship are twenty six and Inclos'd is an account of what Advanced them they Compleate the Number of fifty men twenty five Europeans and Twenty five Topazes we send by this ship in a box our Generall Books letter P with

Consultations and Paymasters Accounts to the Last of November and the Sea Customers Registers of Tevenapatam and Cuddalore for one year. We most Respectfully subscribe

FORT S^T^. DAVID
FEBRUARY THE 7TH. 171$\frac{7}{8}$

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your most Obedient humble Servants

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
JOSOPH HOUGHTON.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

P.S.
We have put on board ten Days Provisions for the Soldiers.

F.H.
J.B.
M.W.
J.H.
R.B.
T.W.

N°. 15

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOV^R^. OF FORTS S^T^.
GEORGE AND S^T^. DAVID &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

This Accomp[anies] Coppys of what wrote [by the] R^t^. Honble. Companys [Ships] Metchlepatam Madrass and sloop Dartmouth [who saild] together [. . .] wind yesterday [. . .] of those fifty [. . .] with reason [. . .] send Ensign [. . .] Guard [. . .] our Approbation.

Those Soldiers are Indepted twenty-nine Pag^s^. thirty fañames to Capt. Hobbs and Ensigne Van Ittern which the Latter humbly desires M^r^. Frederick will be pleased to receive.

This with second Invoices and Bills of Loading and our most humble Respects is what Offers from

FORT S^T^. DAVID
FEBRUARY THE 8TH. 171$\frac{7}{8}$.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your most Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Servt.

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
JOSEPH HOUGHTON.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

N°. 16

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^.
GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

1. We was favourd with your Hon^r^. &c^a^. letter dated the 21 ult^o^. which arriv'd our hands the 28 ditto accompanying a letter to the Honble. President and Councill of Bengall with three bills of exchange we are glad [to hear] that our receiving the four thousand r[upees from Coja Gee] is approved of and we immediately [. . .] here of advis'd him of the same [. . .] that Rupees to be paid in at [. . .] be no disappointment to his [. . .]

2. [. . . .] what your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. [. . . .] coin and [. . . .] highest in value we advis'd [Coja Gee] of the same and he says theres no difference between the rupees we had Receiv'd upon which for our better information yesterday we sent for Auga Pera and the Companys shroff to know whither there was any difference between them and the new Metchlepatam Rupees we receiv'd and as they have Inform'd us there is none, on which we have deliver'd Auga Pera the three bills of Exchange with remembrance of your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. postscript in taking up our Receipt given to Coja Gee for the four thousand Rupees.

3. When there's any Vessell comes from Bengall or else where under English Colours we shall be sure to Comply with your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. orders in taken on Account of the R^{t}. Honble. Company ten or twelve Garce of Rice but excepting the Vessells should come under the same we Are affraid we shall not be able to procure near the quantity because if vessells arrive here under other Colurs [*sic*] the Moors obliges all to bring the Rice into the Banksaul and there disposed of by small quantitys to those that comes so that we are apprehensive when we ask for any they would deny us.

4. The 28th. Ultimo at night we receiv'd a very pressing letter from Coja Gee by order of the Nabob for our spareing him some of our people that understood Gunnery we was unwilling and did endeavour to excuse ourselves from complying (by saying we have none) neither would we give our Consents to any such article as that as having no orders from your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. upon which Auga Pera and the Cutwall came and desir'd we would Comply with the Phousdars letter the first acquainting us that this was [. . .] fairest Opportunity we could [. . .] ing a peaceable poseession of [. . . .] we should not lay hold [. . .] a very great hindrance [. . .] in hand we [. . . .] have sent [. . .] some knowledge in Gunnery they are [trained] men and knows full well the moors ways and Custom.

5. Before we comply'd with Coja Gees Letter we [thorou]ghly consider'd the Contents of your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. letter [dated] October the 29th. in answer to ours of the 5th. and 8th. by which as we understand the Nabob is the Person [looked] upon and that theres no regard given to Opperow's Management therefore our Complying with his request will we hope for the following Reasons, meet with your Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. Approbatio if to the Contrary we shall not offer for the future to do the like without direct orders from your hon . &c^{a}.

6. We have good informations that the Nabob has hear'd that Opperow has assisted his Brother Subbanah and given protection to some of his people notwithstanding he has Accommodated matters with him for the sume of Rupees two hundred and ten thousand on which the Nabob sent some of his people into one of Opperows Towns and they have plunderd all the number of about one hundred women rather then suffer the ill treatment they was apprehensive of receiveing from the Moors they shut there doors and sett there houses on fire and therein they burnt themselves.

7. The Nabob has laid close seige against Rajah Subbanah and within one hundred yards of his Fort there has been severall Gunns fired from each and the latter has shott one of the Nabobs great men by name Diaram which has very much vex'd him theres no likelyhood at present of Rajah Subba[ñah surren]dering.

We have taken into due consideration every [materiall] thing that Immediate relates to our affairs [. . . .] in hand is great and is what [. . . .] Coja Gees letter in assisting the Nabob we thinking it would [. . . .] attend any ways then forwarding our Honble. Masters affairs and a great Instrument of our obtaining a peaceable a[nd] quick possession of Dieu Island.

9. As the Nabob being the head Man of these parts the Rajahs so much his inferiours that in case we had [re]fused complying in sending three Men it might have been of very ill consequence and prolonged our present [af-]fairs in hand more especially as we are inform'd he'll certainly come here after he has Accomodated matters with Rajah Subbanah.

10. The great power that the Nabob has was likewise [all] considered and particularly as he's a fighting for the Kings rent and our assisting him on such Occasion we cannot think or Immagine it will prove detrimentall to our affairs but

submitt to your Hon^r. &c^a. better Judgement, what we have done in helping the Nabob the news will soon reach the King and the late gracious grants he has been pleased to give our R^t. Honble. Masters was taken into Consideration.

11. We have strictly inquired what Commodities Rajah Subbanah's Country produces and as to the Article of Cloth there's none so that we are in great expectation our Management will not in any measure incurr your Hon^r. &c^as. displeasure.

12. Coja Gee wrote to the Dutch Cheif and desired him to assist the Nabob which he refused and as we comply'd must undoubtedly be a great Instrument towards the English gaining his entire friendship the Dutch second as we are inform'd press'd hard of the Chief to send some of theire men and intimated how much it would prove to their disadvantage if not comply'd with [. . .] immediate assistance but they have [. . .] Conclusion.

13. Yesterday the Nabob [. . .] place that below [. . .] to let goe but [. . .] then the [. . .]

14. Rajah Ramrauze has sent to the Nabob severall Peons [and] he has offer'd him twenty eight thousand Pag^s. for Subbanahs Country but whither the Nabob will agree to that we cannot as yet be certaine.

15. Sunner le Cawne by report is a Comeing from Golcondah to assist the Nabob with two thousand horse.

16. As soon as ever our men was arriv'd into [the] Nabobs camp Coja Gee carried them to him upon which he ask'd who sent them he answer'd the English and at [this] Juncture time inquired of Coja Gee expressing three [times] whither the Dutch would not assist him he answer'd no [at] which the Nabob was very much vex'd but he was mighty well pleas'd with our assisting him and express'd in his Camp that the English was his Brother.

17. Richard Pindar has made severall Extraordinary good shotts and to the very place where the Nabob order'd him to shoote at on which he was mighty well looked upon and in great favour with the Nabob he allows our three men one Rupee and a half ℘ day besides victualls from his owne tent we begg leave to subscribe with all due Respects.

METCHLEPATAM
FEBRUARY Y^E. 2^D. 171$\frac{7}{8}$.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.
Your most Obed^t. hum^ble. Serv^ts.

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

N°. 17

TO THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. AND GOVERN^R. OF FORTS S^T. GEORGE AND S^T. DAVID &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

[The] Ship Francis Captain Samuel [. . .] hundred Bales amounting to Pagodas twenty four thousand [three] hundred eight thirty one fañames thirty five cash as ℘ Invoice which [with] Bill of Loading is Inclosed and being the present needfull most Respectfully subscribe

FORT S^T. GEORGE [DAVID]
FEBRUARY THE 12TH. 171$\frac{7}{8}$.

Honble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most Obed^t. hum^ble. Serv^ts.

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
JOSEPH HOUGHTON.
ROBERT BERRI[MAN].
THOMAS WRIGHT.

P.S.

Inclosed is a list of the Mens names that are Indebted to Capt. Hobbs and Ensigne Van Ittern.

N°. 18

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. and Govern^r^. of Forts S^t^. George and S^t^. David &c^a^. Councill.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

1. Inclosed is second Bill of Loading for four hundred Bales by Ship Francis with coppy of our last by her dated the 12th. Instant.

2. The same night we receiv'd your favour dated the 10th. Observing that our Honble. Masters Vessells were safe arriv'd with the fifty Soldiers and our Generall Books Consultations Accounts with our severall Letters were well Receiv'd.

3. We are expecting Lievtenant D Morgain with a Commission to succeed in the Post of Lievtenant Hobbs deceased.

4. Our Merchants are Indebted two hundred Bales of Long Cloth and Sallampores Ordinary to Compleat the proportion of Goods in last contract with those [. . .] and above it which we hope to make [. . .] month.

5. Your list of goods for [. . .] Considered in two consultations [. . .] in order to bring [. . .] when they [. . .] many [. . .] made the Course Goods so that they should find it very difficult to provide any thing near the quantitys Demanded and then the proffits on them are so small that unless we can agree to take greater Quantitys of Long Cloth and Sallampores midling with about two thousand peices of fine salampores [and] as many Bales of Blew Cloth and Beteelas as last year they [will] be great loosers by this Contract we told them if our Honble. Masters coul'd gain by Beteelas they woul'd Doubtless order the provision to which they Reply'd that they were sensible of those Articles granted as favours to Encourage their undertaking the rest [and] begg'd they might be continued so We then gave them some [more] of the Blew Cloth this being the proper place for the Dyers work and the last which we sent by the Hannover is so well done that in Capt. Osbornes Opinion who saw the sales of some in England it must be a very proffitable Article the Merchants at last desired leave to present a list of what Goods they were willing and cou'd undertake to provyde which we send Inclosed and wait for your Answer and further orders about proceeding with the Contracts.

6. Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will observe that in their List theres no Nagore Cloth and they assure us the Weavers of that Country do not make in all three thousand peices in a year yet they promice to bring what procureable and in the room of that sort they propose to bring in twelve thousand peices of Worriapollam Long cloth which is but very Little inferiour in Quality to the other if they keep up to muster and that shall be our greatest care In the next place we demanded an abatement in prizes which produced an admireable silence but nothing like a Consent.

[7.] When our Accomptant has reperused your severall [acoo^ts^. abo] ut the summs paid Sunco Narran &c^a^. new Mer [chants we shall...] to the mistake you mention of [. . .] and for the future the Pay [Master . . .] as you direct.

8. We observe you have paid the Merchants on the 14th. of October Pagodas ten thousand five hundred fifty four thirty three fanames seventy seven Cash and in January Pag^s^. ten thousand which summs shall be brought to their Acco^t^. we receivd by the Peons the Paper and most Respectfully subscribe

Fort S^t^. David
the 17th. February 171$\frac{7}{8}$.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your most Obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Joseph Houghton.
Robert Berriman.
Thomas Wright

N°. 19

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.

Presid^t^. and Govern^r^. for all Affairs of the English Nation on the Coast of Cormandell &c^a^. Councill at Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

Your favours Dated the 24th. of October last came to hand by Pattamars the 17th. Ult^o^. and of the 1th. of October ℘ George the 19th.

We observe the Dispute you have had with the Country people on their endeavouring to dispossess you of the Villages you had some time quietly enjoyed, and congratulate you on the Success of your Arms, we were in hopes we shall not meet with many obstacles [. . .] Phirmaund for our Side put in [. . .] dar with the Presidents Sur [. . .] who seems inclinable to [. . .] which gives us some prospect of concluding all affairs there, with [. . .] Effect the gre[at . . .] of a H[. . .].

It will be much to our Satisfaction to hear you have gained an intire an[d] quiet Possession of the Island of Dieu as that place may be of good Advantage to our Right Honble. Masters.

Since our last to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. the Dutch with the King of Cochin have gained severall Advantages [over] the Samorine some time ago they enter'd on a treaty of Peace which is lately concluded how far this may be prejudiciall to our affairs in his Territories we are not at [all] sencible however we hope our Interest with that Prince is so great that he will not come into any Articles that might be to the Detriment of a Nation whom he has found such substantiall friends.

On the 19th. Ultimo Imported the Morrice Capt. Eustace Peacock and on the 30th. the Duke of York Capt. Abraham Daws from great Brittain, the same day we dispatcht the Sarum a full Ship who Sail'd out of this Road the 3^d^. Instant.

Our troubles at Carwarr ended in a Peace the 26th. of November and much more to our Advantage than we could well expect our Forces having been unsuccessfull in two attempts to releive the Factory and we have reason to beleive that Rajah was heartily tired of the warr so we flatter our selves we need not fear any disturbance from him again the Articles on which the Peace was concluded are that the Ships and Treasure which Occasion'd the Dispute should be deliver'd to us all Prisoners to be set free on both sides and the Horses and ships we took from them given up to bring this about we distributed about two thousand five hundred Rupees amongst his Ministers.

We shall be mindfull of adjusting the Proper Methods with Supracargoes of your ships that touch here for the doing their Business in Surat. We are

Bombay Castle
January y^e^. 16th. 171$\frac{7}{8}$.

Your most Affectionate
friends and Humble
Servants

Charles Boone.
Laurence Parker.
Stephen Strutt.
John Clapham.
John Hope.
John Braddyll.
Walter Brown.

N°. 20

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.

Presid^t^. and Govr. for all affairs of the English Nation on the Coast of Cormandell &c^a^.

Councill at Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

This serves cheifly to Forward Duplicate of ours of the 10th. Instant which comes by a Pattamar directly to Oringabaud from this place its a new experiment and we

hope will be a nearer way of Corresponding with you than from Surat we have promised they shall receive ten Rupees in Madrass which we desire your Hon^r^. &c^a^. to pay Nothing of moment has Occurred since our last but that we hear the Goorzeburdar is on his way from Surat hither we have not to add but to request your Answer to this and are

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your very [Affectionate friends]
[and Humble Servants]

BOMBAY CASTLE
JANUARY Y^E^. 16TH. 171$\frac{7}{8}$.

[CHARLES BOONE].
[LAURENCE PARKER.]
[STEPHEN STRUTT.]
[JOHN CLAPHAM.]
[JOHN HOPE.]
[JOHN BRADDYLL.]
[WALTER BROWN.].

N°. 21

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. FOR THE R^T^. HON^BLE^. COMPANY
GOV^R^. FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^.

I now send Enclosed the Accounts of four Months Comencing the primo of October to the ultimo of January 1717 being the charges of Dieu Island that your Honour have them in time before the Gentlemen leave Fort S^t^. George.

Since the Millitary came to this place Major[part] of them have been sicke having had the assistance of the [   ] Doctor Recoverd of there Distempers still some remain [very] weake and are under his care Dayly giving his attendance and Administering to them what he findes Necessary.

Enclosed comes the Accounts of Metchlepatam for three months November, December and January, having given Credit for the overcharge of Diett.

The three Months Accounts of Madapollam are not made up by waiting for the Months of January Acco^t^. being not come by the next shall send them.

The Batavia Arrack for the Soldiers being About eight dayes more for them they humbly Request your Hon^r^. pleasd to let them have a months pay that they may buy some Cloaths.

Nabob still remains before Conncull Fort with his Campe dayly fireing Guns being very neare the Fort cant make Any breach in the wall they have Indeavoured to under Mind the Wall Cant perfect any thing the water springs up drownds the work this place is very strong will put the Nabob to great loss of People.

The 10th. current in the Evening this Phowsdar returnd [to] the Camp to Guddera, Opperrow dont appear the [...Ra] jahs have sent people to the Nabob Some pro[posal have] been made to the Nabob I dont heare [...] them.

[...] three ships belonging to this port [...] part grain a small Assistance to the place, Cant supply the inhabitants two Months I humbly Crave Leave.

METCHLEPATAM
Y^E^. 12 FEBRUARY 1718.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most obedient Servant

PHILIP NODEN.

N°. 22

TO THE HON^BLE^ JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

1. We was favour'd with your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Dated the 29th. ultimo which came safe to our hands the 8th. Instant and we particularly observed what mention'd therein which we shall with Obedience follow.

2. Comptant Peras son Donnah acquaints us that he has about acomeing with grain from the Northward and that he was willing to have it brought into our Factory and he desired our assistance and as he being willing to pay the Kings Customes we give him it, upon which we thought it a good Oppertunity to comply with your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. orders in takeing on Account the R^{t}. Honble. Company twelve garce of Rice we have wrote to Coja Gee for leave to have it brought into our Factory after clearing the Customes and he has granted the same if this had not happend we could not have procured any quantity of Rice from the Government nay they are so very strickt that they will not sell any to the Natives that have serv'd and lived under the English's protection as they think we have supply'd them.

3. We have frequent advices from the [...] and in the last we are inform'd tha[t . . .] and Calls the Dutch a great many [. . .] English is as we are advised [. . .] ses in his Camp to [a . . .] Rahaumutt En[. . .] him will [. . .] of D [. . .].

4. Its now Generally discours'd in the Nabobs Camp that the Gusbardar is acomeing to him with a Phirmaund and that it is thought he'll Accompany us upon Dieu Island or at least by whats reported he will assist us with some of his Horse and foot so that in case his friendship continues firme we have now the fairest prospect of getting a quick possesion of Dieu Island for ever.

5. Rajah Chundremoutue has assisted the Nabob with a Thousand Peons and one Rajah Garrarauze with fifty Horses there's likewise one Ancaneed a Pallacar is Joyn'd him with [ ] hundred horse so that we expect matters will be Accomplished one way or other in a little time.

6. Rajah Ramrauze has Joyn'd the Nabob with his forces and he is order'd to lay with them a small distance from the Camp, in order to take care of the out bounds and to be in a readiness to returne when there may be Occasion.

7. We have intelligence that Seib Abdula Cawne, Subbah of Syringabad has wrote the Nabob a very severe Letter intimateing to him that he expects and requires him to send Rajah Opperows and Subbanahs heads or else he must not expect any mercy from his hands, this is what we are informed occasions the Nabobs summonsing the Rajahs and after he has Accomplich'd his Business in hand he goes by report directly against Opperow with an intent to compleate what is requierd of him.

8. Yesterday the Phousdar came to Cuddura upon which Auga Pera went and carried Seib Abdulah Cawns letter to him and Acquainted him that your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. was something displeasd as it was not deliver'd before but he refused carrying it to the Nabob saying as he now was ingaged in Warrs he would only just read it without considering upon the contents [as wi]thall he might mislay it and what contain'd there [might be] forgotten therefore he thought it much more [. . .] to stay till such time matters was all Accomodated.

9. [. . . This] morning acquaints us that Coja [Gee . . . Sieb] Abdulah Cawns letter [. . . Suban]ahs Fort being taken he likewise acquaints us that this is the [best] time his Worship Horden could come in relation to our present affairs.

10. As we are informed Coje Gee is a mighty favourit of the Nabobs and he's his right hand Man, and one that manages now all affairs at Camp, and the Nabob hear's in all Respects to what he proposes so that if his Interest in our Affairs is sincere there's no fear but he will make an Accomplishment, he still continues expressing himself a great friend to the English.

11. Subbanahs Fort that the Nabob has beseig'd is about half a day's Journ'y from this place and the latters Army consists in about three Thousand horse and twelve Thousand foot Subbanahs by report is run away into Rangaputtyrauze Country but the force he has left in his Fort is about fifteen hundred Peons and as yet they have not surrender'd but its thought they will in few days because they daily desert from thence, the provision they have within the Fort will last a seige for two or three years as by Information.

12. The Nabob the 9th. Instant wrote the Dutch here a letter wherein he shews very much his displeasure for their not assisting him saying they should not dwell here in the Kings Dominions if they could not afford to give him help as he's amaking a just

demand of the Kings Rent, what has most sett him against them was our immediate Complyance in assisting him as he required and upon the Nabobs arrivall here it is thought he will give the Dutch a great deal of trouble the same day as their assistance was desired they call'd a Consultation but could not come to a resolution of helping him as thinking they had not power enough especially as never having a precedent before but they have wrote to Negapatam [as] the same as we are advised.

Our Men with the Nabob[. . .] him and Coja Gee so that our [. . .] well in case they have any [. . .] friendship they [. . .] giveing the Nabob assistance we beg leave to subscribe with all due Respects.

METCHLEPATAM
FEBRUARY Y^E^. 12TH. 171 7/8.

Honble. S^r^.
Your most Obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

N°. 23.

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^R^. OF FORTS S^T^. GEORGE, AND S^T^. DAVID &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Inclosed comes our Accomptant's Report Concerning the Difference of two hundred pagodas in Payments made by your Hon^r^. &c^a^. to the new Merchants with the severall Summs extracted from your Generalls of orders Reperused on this Occasion Wee Likewise send our Merchants Accounts stated with them for last month Upon further inquirey we are well Sattisfied that the Nagore cloth demanded by our Honble. Masters is not procurable and we beleive it will be difficult to gett one Thousand five hundred peices of the fifteen Thousand. We most Respectfully subscribe

FORT S^T^. DAVID
THE 24TH. FEBRUARY 171 7/8.

Honble. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
JOSEPH HOUGHTON.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

N°. 24.

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Our last to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. was the 12th. Instant since which we have been favour'd with your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Dated the 4th. which came to our hands the 12th. Instant at Night we gladly embrace this oppertunity by Vizagapatam Peons to Impart what has offerd since worth informing your Hon^r^. &c^a^.

We have according to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Orders deliver'd Auga Pera his letter that came inclosed in our's, and we have demanded Sieb Abdulah Cawns letter to Mauberiz Cawne the same we have got in our possession which we shall take care to keep till your Hon^r^. &c^a^. further pleasure.

There's but little likelyhood at present of the Nabobs taking Rajah Subbanahs Fort, thô his army is great the Duan of Golcondah is come to assist the Nabob, and has brought with him two hundred horse and three hundred foot.

Rajah Opperow has offerd to pay the Nabob the sume that he demanded of his Brother, Subbanah, but he refuses takeing it, saying, he has put him to a great charge besides looseing his men therefore he expresses and says he is fully resolved to have his head.

Rajah Opperow now resides In his Fort Newgvere, about eight Gentue Leagues from Dieu Island, and its generally discours'd at camp that the Nabob will go against him after He has compleated the business in hand.

The Nabob still continues to have an intire friendship for our Men with him and their good behaviour and Management has pleased him extraordinary well, so that we cant apprehend theres now any danger but our Business [will stop] and we hope twill be compleated soon after [M. Rich^d.] Horden's arrivall.

'Its a whispering dis [. . .] he will go against Rajah [. . .] we Begg leave to subscribe with all due Respect.

METCHLEPATAM
FEBRUARY THE 15TH. 171$\frac{7}{8}$.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.
Your most Obed^t. Hum^ble. Serv^ts.

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

N°. 25

TO THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^R. OF FORT S^T.
GEORGE &C^A. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

1. Since our last of the 23^d. Ultimo by Sloop Hannover we flatter'd ourselves with hopes of seeing some ships from Bengall to take in our Bales One hundred of which lye ready but the season is now so far advanced that our sole dependance is upon a Conveyance from your Hon^r. &c^a. some time this month.

2. Our Buildings are Carried forward with the utmost Care diligence and Frugallity the House is rose already as high as the first story and we are now laying the beams wherein we are something at a loss by reason of the shortness of the Timbers formerly sent down however not so bad but we make them serve with a little more charge by setting stones and [short] Timbers into the wall for them to rest upon we shall want at least one hundred Timbers more of about Twenty Foot long and eight Inches thick the most part of which will be us'd in covering the Curtain which we fear we shall hardly compass before the Rains set in but for the Dwelling house we hope it will be Coverd by the beginning of May.

3. We herewith send our account of Cash to the last of January, the Diarys Consultations and Paymasters Account to the Ultimo December by which your Hon^r. &c^a. will see our [yearly] Expence and how little cash we have to keep our In[vestment] going forward not doubting a supply from your [Hon^r. &c^a. will c]arry it to the utmost for which at present the Cou[ntry gives] a fair opportunity our Nabob chusing rather [. . . Things] revenues by fair and gentle means then by [. . .] fall into the Error of his Predecessor [. . .] up a great Army than he got in the Country thô he [exceed] more than any that ever went before him.

4. We labour under the same scarcity of Grain as before and what renders our case the more Deplorable it is not but with great difficulty procurable to the Northward and in very small quantitys thô at an Extraordinary great price however we trust in God we shall be able to keep the place from want in such sort that our buildings and the Companys Affairs shall not thereby be put to a stand.

5. The Sallampore contract with M^r. Symonds being long since compleated He desires he may have leave to take up his Bonds.

6. We receiv'd a Visit the 3^d. Instant from Mynheer Dorknuh Chief of the Dutch Factory at Bimlipatam on purpose to communicate to us an affair which appear'd to them to be of the last consequence as well to the English Company as the Dutch who by the concern they express and the strict orders given in their Letters

to their servants in all parts seem to be very much allarm'd. The purport of the Dutch Companys Letter dated in January 1717 to their Generall Christopher Van Swold in Batavia is to advise that severall ships of divers nations are fitting out of Ostend with the Emperours pass to trade in the East Indies to prevent the ill consequence of which the English and Dutch East India Company have concerted measures mutually to assist each other in suppressing these ships and hindering them from getting the least Footing in India in order thereto all their servants are strictly prohibited upon pain of death assisting them on any manner whatsoever or holding the least Correspondance with them on the Contrary they are enjoyn'd to use their utmost endeavours by means whither direct or Indirect to procure the ruin and destruction of all such ships as shall interfere to the prejudice of Either of said Companys.

Further they are advisd th[at . . .] have got passes from the King [. . .] them to make warr with the [. . .] is to be made use of as a reser[ve . . .] Dutch Company should h[. . .] them prohibited [Comm . . .] nions then by [. . .] Trade of [. . .] ıng in [. . .].

Enclos'd we have sent a list of Stores Wanting with which we desire Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will supply us as a conveyance offers which being what at present material we humbly beg leave to subscribe.

VIZAGAPATAM
FEB^{RY}. THE 4TH. 171$\frac{7}{8}$.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servants

ROBERT SYMONDS.
RICHARD SMYTH.
CORNELIUS MOLL.

N°. 26

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}.

1. Since our last to your Hon^{r}. and Councill of the 15th. Instant we have been favour'd with your Hon^{rs}. ℘ boat Dated the 15th. Ditto which arriv'd our hands the 20th. and first we are glad to find our management hither to has been approu'd which we shall exert ourselves in continuing it and withall avoid as much as possible our ingaging in the country disputes.

2. We have good Informations that the Nabob upon the New Moon call'd a Consultation in order to consultt us with his head Men the Properest ways and means to ma[ke] himself Master of Rajah Subbanas Fort but they Could not then come to a resolution to storme it some of them acquainting the Nabob that the Men in the Fort daily fell sick so that they perswaded his Excellency to desist making any farther attack for a few days by which time if they did not surrender it up to him then he might use his pleasure for a farther progress.

3. The Nabob has taken all Rajah Subbanahs towns [& . . . d] and has rented them out (and the same is ga[. . .] Daily) by which it seems as if Subbanahs would [. . .] his Government again and we beleive as [. . .] is taken hell let out the Country to [. . .] we cannot at present Judge who [. . .] Ramrauze which we think [. . .].

4. If this seige of Subbanas [holds] out six months or longer the Nabob is in point of Honour oblig'd to Continue it till such time he has brought Subbanah under what Articles in agreement he pleases otherwise it would give encouragement to all petty Rajahs to stand in Opposition against him therefore he'll not remove his Camp till such time he takes the Fort or bring him under complyance to pay such Sūmms of mony is demanded.

5. On the 22d. Instant there arriv'd at Cuddara one Ancancede A pallcarr with five hundred Peons and he is gon in order to joyne the Nabob this is Father to that Ancaneede as we advised your Honr. of in ours of the 12 Instant.

6. By the Nabobs large demands of the Rajahs in these parts is what makes the Inhabitants so very poor for as soon as ever a Rajah has Clear'd the Nabobs demands he returns to his Government again which when he gos directly about fleesing all Inhabitants under his protection till such time he has got by force more then what paid the Nabob besides they are oblig'd to pay there Annuall rent, by these ill practiced means is what ruin's and spoils these parts and is what will always hinder this Country [florish]ing especially such parts as is under Moors and Gentue Governments.

7. Richard Pinder writes us from Camp that the Nabob is an extraordinary good humour'd person and one that is as easy to be spoke with as a Child but as for Coja Gee he is a very proud man we have Information that the Nabob sends for Richard Pindar and makes him set downe before him which is a great signall of his Friendship.

8. Since our arrivall here the Dutch have had a [large] quantity of Cloth brought in and there yearly invest[ment] amounts to Pagodas twenty two Thousand in course [. . . .] goods.

9. We are inform'd that Edward H[arrison] to intimate to Mr. Noden and [. . . .] from him whither there was [. . . .] investment here his answer [. . . .] of it as we suppose that he [. . . .] body sent over his ready [. . . .] otherwise the appearance [. . . .] is Generally [b . . . .] Dutch [. . . .] with goods when they could not.

We have sent to Coja Gee and desired to know whether he would undertake to deliver Sieb Abdulah Cawns letter to the Nabob which he readily Complyed in being willing but in case we would have a little patience till such time the Nabob has Accomplish'd his Business in hand it twould be ten thousand times better for at present he minds nothing but the takeing the Fort so that we have took this into Consideration and detain'd sending the Letter and Coja Gee possitively expresses there's now no fear but our Bussiness will be speedily Brought to a Conclusion soon after Subanah has surrenderd or the Fort taken.

Yesterday we received a letter from Richard Pindar at Camp adviseing of taulking with one of the Nabobs Captns. of Horse who inform'd that Rajah Opperow's Braminy was come to the Nabob and Acquainted him that the King had given the English great part of his Country but he was return'd back without any Answer.

The Intrim the Braminy was speaking with the Nabob there was present the Major part of his Council who took an opportunity after the Braminy was dissmised to ask the Nabob whither the King had given the English Dieu Island upon which he answerd yes and told them the King had sent a Gusbardar with a Phirmaund on which there was one of his Council made Answer that the King did not do well in giveing such grants because we should take more when we had got that on which the Nabob reply'd and said could he Immagine the King did not know what he did for we were great Merchants and that it was for the good of this Country, so that these words silenced him.

At present we cannot think any otherwise then soon after his Worship Hordens arrivall our Affairs will [be] speedily compleated for the Nabob still continues haveing a zealous affection for us expressing in his Camp the [English are] extraordinary good People and Coja Gee[. . . .] to very much inclinable to serve us therefore [. . .] think that its a very good Oppertunity to [. . . we] submit ourselves to your Honr. better [judgment].

[. . . .] are now incamp'd so near [the Fort that th]ey can fling a st[one] into it by which its thought a little time to be surrendered.

Fra Antony the Portuguese Padre here sent four Christian fellows in order to assist the Nabob but he not thinking them deserving of batty return'd them back.

Some days ago Rajah Opperow sent ten Peons in order to go and assist in Subbanas Fort but the Nabob haveing intelligence of the same he catch'd the Half and has kept them in Prison but the rest made there escape.

As ℘ information the Nabobs Ammunition is so very short that he's oblig'd to fire Logs of wood instead of balls.

Our men at Camp still continue to deserve an Extraordinary good word and Intimately in favour with y^e^. Nabob and Coja Gee the first gives Richard Pinder every now and then five and six Rupees at a time and more especially when he makes a good shott and we can't but say he has hitherto had good success which we hope will Continue we beg leave to subscribe with the greatest Respect

METCHLEPATAM
FEBRUARY Y^E^. 25 $171\frac{7}{8}$.

Honble. S^r^.
Your most Obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

P.S.
After Concluding this Letter we had news that the dutch Second of Pollecull beat one of Ramrauzes people upon which he Complaind to the Nabob and has sent four hundred peons to surround the Factory, & hinder Provisions going to them y^e^. Dutch writers here have arms and Amunition deliverd y^m^. and orderd to be in a readiness for which reason we cant as yet learn.

W. H.
J. S.

N°. 27.

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOV^R^. OF FORTS S^T^. GEORGE & S^T^.
DAVID &C^A^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

We are favourd with yours dated the 28th. last month and in Answer about the Contract come now to acquaint your Hon^r^. &c^a^. that y^e^. Merchants have undertaken to provide 3000 peices of nagore Long Cloth and for the Remaining 12000 peices as much Worripolla[m] Long Cloth full as good as muster with all other sorts of Goods according to y^e^. List you sent us Begging only leave to Remind us of the Incouragement we were to give them for undertaking in November to bring in goods over and above their Contracts and in Consideration of that ready Complyance they still hope you will be pleas'd to order some blew Cloth or a small Additionall Quantity of fine goods for our parts we wait only your Answer to close the Contract promiseing our utmost care y^t^. all sorts of goods are kept up strictly to their musters and we shall so often put the Merch^ts^. in mind of the satisfaction they are to make for Damages if by turnd out goods there should be a want of bales according to agreement that if they come to suffer they can neither [plead] ignorance nor blame any but themselves.

The Merchants Acco^t^. for Last month [. . .] of Sunca Rama &c^a^. agrees with the [. . .] you sent us an acco^t^. Deducting [. . .] their Contract and Agreement [. . .] Acco^t^. Cash for last month.

We observe what y[. . .] Deserters returning to the[ir . . . .] more Europian Soldiers [. . .] cient number [. . .] Posts and [. . .] th[. . .] according [to y^e^.] List Inclosd with their Names and the sums mention'd therein which we desire may be stop'd out of their Pay.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 7 . MARCH 171 7/8.

We most respectfully Subscribe
Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your most obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Servants

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
JOSEPH HOUGHTON.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

P.S.
We have receivd the six quire of paper sent with your last.

No. 28.

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

There are several reasons that have hinderd our giving an answer sooner to the letter which you did us the Honour to write us of the 13th. November last No. one of the [Chief] was that we could not find any body here able to translate into our Language the Instrument of Procuration received from M^rs^. Pacheco relating to the demands which she makes on the Estate of Isaac Abedendana Deceased Because of certain Char[ac]ters and other numerous abreviations unknown to all [of] us here and which are intermixt throughout the said Instrument and renders the Version of it impossible Another reason of our delay was from our being ignorant of the proofs and the Justice upon which the aforesaid M^rs^. Pacheco grounds her pretentions and when to be fully informed of all these circumstances we addressd ourselves before hand in a ℘ticular letter to M^r^. Thomas Frederick he could not give us any other Insight into it than that the abovesaid widow of Pacheco had obtained a power to dispose of all the effects of the deceas'd Abendenda as appears evident by the Instrument before-mention'd Notwithstanding he left a Wife and Child behind him and a Will in due form by which he appointed his Widow Rachæl Abedenda Executrix and Guardian of all his effects All these considerations lead us ingenuously to express our thoughts to you on this subject in the letter which we have the Hon^r^. to write Messrs. Frederick and Horden Constituted by the Widow Esther Pacheco her Attornys on this occasion and not being willing to trouble you with a tedious recitall we shall not inlarge any further about it referring you wholy to the letter before mention[d you will] find inclosed the Original power which we could [not get tr]anslated.

[There] is nothing more reasonable than what you [.wrote] us of the manner how we ought all to proceed [. . .]base and deceitful people who to escape [. . .] of their Creditors exert their cunning and [. . .] secure to themselves their ill [. . .]ge under the protection of strangers but we don[t appr]ehend that is the case of John Andrew Heis who before he came hither married the widow Abendana after she had lived at Madrass upwards of three years a Widow during which time she gave full satisfaction to all y^e^. world as will more evedently appear by the letters wch. Messrs. Edward Harrison & John Sigismund Hassuis wrote each other on this subject about six years ago and more ℘ticularly by a letter wrote from this place y^e^. 5th. March 1712 & by y^e^. demonstrations and protests sent at the same time by Heis we doubt not but the Originals are remaining with you or at least the Copys and we hope when you have reperused them you will find reason to be satisfied in this point If Heis had not been Condemned for his insolences to y^e^. labour of y^e^. Bremerholm of Copenhagen we should have made no difficulty in sending him in person to you that he might answer for himself but as his Insolences are of such a nature as merit an exemplory punishment according to all Christian Laws we cannot help keeping his person in custody to make him one day undergo those pains that are due to such impudent Offenders.

We are with a perfect respect and true zeal.

FORT DANSBOWRG
JANUARY Y^E. 12TH. 171 7/8.

S^r.
Your most hum^ble. & obed^t. Servt.

O. BRUN.
J. PANK.
PK. PANK.
J. LUNDT.
S. JONCESON.

N°. 29

TO THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. AND GOV^R. OF FORTS Sr GEORGE & S^T. DAVID &C^A. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

Your favour of the 12th. came to hand y^e. 14th. Instant.

We shall credit you acco^t. Curr^t. for the Pag^s. 17431. 22. 63 (Pags. : . Cash.) paid y^e. new Merchants.

In yesterdays Consultation we concluded the Contract with our Merchants who are very thankfull for y^e. fifty bales of blew Long cloth added to the list you sent us and again promise to bring in the roome of the twelve thousand peices of Nagore y^e. same quantity of Carour long Cloth which being the Country where the best Cloth is made according to the Worriapollam muster we have agreed (with your leave) for the future to put it under that denomination & shall take (care with the Deputy Govern^rs. particular Inspection) that it be kept up to its full goodness.

Upon any Accident or extraordinary Occasion here will be great want of another Commission Officer and therefore we desire that the Honble. Govern^r. will be pleasd to order Serjeant John Caudull an Ensigne in Lieutenant D^eMorgans Company who is a very sober stout active man we shall not bring to acco^t. any mony stopp'd for the souldiers wives desiring only y^t. your Paymaster will remitt hither what he Received.

Inclos'd are Lists of Stores and Timber & Plank which we want & desire may come by first Conveyance if a Pegu Ship should call here with y^e. latter (with your leave) we shall suppose ourselves as we did last year from Capt. Bennet.

Wee send also an acco^t. of Expences on the Madrass Brigantine Ship Metchlepatam and Sloop Darthmouth [amounting] to Pag^s 25. 31. 24 and most respectfully subscribe

Honble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most obed^t. Humble Servants

[FORT S^T. DAVID]
[18TH. MARCH 171 7/8.]:

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
JOSEPH HOUGHTON.
ROB^T. BERRIMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.

N°. 30

TO THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. AND GOV^R. OF FORTS S^T. GEORGE AND S^T. DAVID &C^A. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

Having omitted in our Letter of yesterdays date a Reply to your order about Goods to be brought into our Bounds by your Joynt Stock Merchants on Account you

Contract with them This comes to assure you We shall give our utmost Assistance in that Affair being with all Respects

FORT S[R]. DAVID
MARCH Y[E]. 19TH. 171 7/8.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[A].
Your most Obed[t]. hum[ble]. Serv[ts].

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
JOSEPH HOUGHTON.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

N°. 31

TO THE HON[BLE]. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ[R].
PRESID[T]. AND GOV[R]. OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE &C[A]. COUNCIL.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[A].

Herewith comes duplicate of what wrote [per] Ship Duke of Cambridge bearing date the 6th. Ins[t. which] please to referr.

The 12th. Instant the Ho[. . .] arriv'd here from Cossimbazar.

This m[. . . .] baggs of Salt Petre [. . . .] and S[t]. George [. . . .] Kintil[age . . . .] by the [. . . .] as fast as its possible they can take them in.

We have more Petre on the Way which we may dayly expect and do design as soon as these Ships are gone to send up the Mary Bouyer with a supply of Petre to you if the Brigantine arrives us in time we will return her to you Laden with the same Commodity that you may be ready furnish'd for your October Shipping.

After our Europ Ships are all dispatch'd we shall write you overland what more needfull, what stores you shall have occasion for the ensueing season please to advise of in your next and we will take care punctually to supply you as we are

FORT WILLIAM
26TH. JANUARY 171 7/8.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[A].
Your Assured Humble Servants

SAMUELL FEAKE.
JOHN WILLIAMSON.
EDWARD PAGE.
SAMUELL BROWNE.
JOHN DEANE.
HENRY FRANKLAND.
WILLIAM SPENCER.
W : COLLETT.

N°. 32

TO THE HON[BLE]. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ[R].
PRESID[T]. AND GOV[R]. OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE &C[A]. COUNCIL.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[A].

Since our last to our Hon[ble]. Presid[t]. of the 9th. Instant which advis'd of all Occurrances to that time since which we have been favourd with your Hon[rs]. &c[a]. Dated the 28th. Ultimo and arriv'd our hands the 10th. Instant and first we are [...] that we cannot as yet advise of the arrival of [ ] Peras Son Donnas boat we are affraid she [lost her] passage for the Southerly winds are set in strong [. . .] lligence observe what your Hon[r]. [. . .] Seib Abdulah Cawns Letter and [. . .] rance of having a sunhood [grant . . .] proposalls we will take care [. . .]

According to your Hon^r. &c^a. Orders we have made demand of M^r. Noden all the Accounts relating to Due Island and he has Promised to deliver them to day (which when Receiv'd) M^r. Sanderson promises his utmost performance and Care to bring what confused Account there may be into a regular form in order to be sent up to your Hon^r. &c^a.

What M^r. Noden has mentioned about the Millitary wanting Cloths is true but they never acquainted us of it they are very desierous of having their pay deliver'd them and they informe us theres three months due to them we shall according to order deliver them one month.

Yesterday arriv'd here from the Nabobs Camp a Derogory with an order to make people be expeditious in making Gunpowder and shott for his Master.

The Warrs still continue much as we advised before and as yet Ramrauze has surrounded the Dutch Factory at Pollcull.

Whatever Cash Wares of Stores we shall have occasion for we will receive fo [sic] Mr Noden and give him our receipt for the same and the trust reposed in us of having the whole affairs of Due Island to Pass through our hands we promise to discharge the same with the utmost Fedility.

Here has some days been a strong report that theres a coming from Syringabad to this place twenty five thousand Oxen loaden with severall sorts of Grain.

Our men at Camp still continue behaving themselves well and they are esteem'd accordingly by the Nabob we beg leave to subscribe with the greatest respect

METCHLEPATAM

MARCH Y^E. 12. 171 $\frac{7}{8}$.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

Your [most Obed^t.]
and H [umble Servt^s.]
[WILLIAM HARRIS]
[J. SANDERSON].

No. 33.

TO THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^E.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. &C^a. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

My last bore date y^e. 12th. february enclos'd sent the acco^ts. of this factory and four months Acco^ts. being the Disburstments of Deiu, I now send the three months acco^ts. of Madapollam Factory and one month acco^t. of Dieu, Humbly entreat your Hon^r. to pass the Acco^ts.

The Batavia Arrack was out the 21st. of february, M^r. Harris bought fifteen Case bottles Battavia Arrack of the Dutch to give them a dram every sunday they refused it.

Auga Pera has been at the Nabobs camp & is now bound overland with his family to Madrass if your Hon^r. pleas to enquire he can satisfy your Hon^r. in Affairs.

Copper Cash is not procurable from the Dutch y^e. Nabob requiring a large quantity every day of them we are forc'd to buy at the Market difference in the Pagodas very much.

All manner of grain and provisions extream Dear dayly advancing price I humbly Crave leave.

METCHLEPATAM

MARCH Y^E. 9TH. 171$\frac{7}{8}$.

HON^BL_E. S^R. &C^A.

YOUR MOST OBED^T. HUM^BLE. SERV^T.
PHILIP NODEN

P. S.

The accounts Due for the [. . . .]
have taken [. . .] Messrs. [. .
.] and [. . .].

No. 34.

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. AND GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

1. Since our last to your Honr. &ca. by Auga Pera of the 12 . Instant we have been favourd with yours the 17th. which came to hand the 20 Ditto accompanying Doctor Wyche we observe whats mentiond in letting him have convenient Lodgings and he has chosen those he liked best and most necessary for his business.

We observe what your Honr. &ca. mentions relating to the Dutch Doctor and our endeavours has not been wanting in getting him to be contented with one hundred rupees for the trouble he has had with our military but he found it an impossibility he saying it was not near the sume his Phisick stood him in after we offerd him fifty more which he made a scrupell in taking assuring us he had been at a greater charge besides his giving attendance twice a day for near six months but as that was the utmost sume limited by your Honr. &ca. he has accepted it in hopes your Honr. &ca. will be pleasd to take it into consideration we cannot in reason but acknowledge that the Dutch Doctor has taken extraordinary care of our men and he has been very diligent in giving [his] attendance nay even in so much that if he had [. . .] he could not have been [. . .] a great satisfaction for [. . .] not had one Man [. .] there has [, . .] [. . .] upon [. . .] they are not apply'd to any other use than what your Honr. &ca. has derected.

As we having occasion to send a peon to Maddapollum we thought it convenient to order him to go and veiw the Rt. Honble. Companys Factory and Garden and see it was keept [*sic*] in good repair but at his return he inform'd us that the latter was quite going to destruction by the carelessness of those People as Mr. Noden has imploy'd to look after it and as we are informd he has entertaind for that purpose one Braminy three Peons and three Gardeners but it plainly apears that they are very negligent and receive their wages for doing little or nothing.

Richard Pinder has lately wrote us from Camp wherein mentions that it is in the mouth of most there that the Nabob is a going to send his Cozen Phousdar of this place but he cannot as yet assert it for truth.

Mr. Noden has deliverd us Pagodas Eleven and Rupees five hundred and fifty eight eleven Annas and three quarters for which we have given him our receipt and we do promise to be as frugall as possible in the expence of Dieu Island but theres a real necessity of our Continuing entertaining the number of Peons we had before.

Rajah Opperow has wrote Auga Mino and Sied Jadah that in case they could make up his Brother Subbana's bussiness with the Nabob for the sum̃ of Forty Thousand Pagodas besides defraying the Nabobs charges he would be answerable [for the] payment and accordingly they endeavourd [but] as soon as ever they started it to the Nabob [he imme]diately flew into a great passion and [. . .] the like to him again [. . .] the first by which [. . . w]ill not come to any [. . .] but [. . .] to his own Satisfaction and we beleive the demand will be so large as will never be comply'd with so that excepting he shoud take the Fort the Warrs between 'em as in all likelyhood will continue some months longer.

We have got in our custody all the confus'd Accounts relating to Due Island from Mr. Noden, and Mr. Sanderson promises his utmost performance to be expeditious in getting them put in a true method in order to be sent up to your Honr. &ca. before Fort St. George generall books are ballanced our Accots. shall accompany them up by Ultimo Aprill if possible.

According to our calculation of the Rice we have now in the Factory will last near eight months delivering Sixty measures ℔ Day.

Some time ago the Nabob desir'd wee wou'd assist him with our doctor and some Gunpowder but we assured him we had neither on which he was contented and sent to the Dutch for their Doctor but they refused sending him on which Coja Gee told them if they took such ill methods in proceeding they'll entirely [loose all] manner of ffreindship with the Nabob [and on] his arrivall here he woud [give them a] great deal of trouble (ho [. . .] prevail any thing) [...] they have [. . . .] affair [. . . .] tin [. . . .] the [. . . .] our sending him our Doctor as without doubt he has heard there's one come we shall comply on condition he'le let him come back once in three or four days to see our Men in order to prescribe what he may think necessary for those that may be indisposed after which to return again we are not willing to leave one Stone unturned wherein may prove detrimentall to our present affairs for since the Nabob has an intire affection for us we shall do our utmost to continue it.

The Dutch here has sent their cheif Dubash to Rajah Ramrauze in order to endeavour to pasify him and withall to make an end of those troubles he has gave them at Pollcull; but as yet we cannot learn that its had any manner of effect we are likewise inform'd that they have news from Pollicat that there's a coming from Negapatam one Ensigne and two Serjants with a party of fifty Military men but on what account we cannot as yet know truely.

On the 14 Instant Coja Gee arriv'd at Goodera and sent for our Cheif Dubash Ilue and after some Discourse had passed he told him to acquaint us that he would not [let us] be impatient because our business [is not] as yet compleated but as soon as ever [. . . .] accommodated matters with [...] was no manner of fear [...] ion of Due Island [. . . .] continues in wars [. . . .] at present judge when the will be ended for theres but little likelyhood of the Nabobs takeing the Fort or Subbanas surrendering therefore the troubles in all probability will last sometime, we are inform'd the first has made a large point just by the Fort and as high as the Walls in order to place Guns upon it; but we question whither it will be of any Signification.

About two or three days ago there came two peons from Dilly to Coja Gee which had been two months in their journey they inform of the great scarcity of grain there and the likelyhood Sidde Abdulla Cawne has of dethroning King Farrickseer the first managing all the business without knowledge or consent of the King all the Rush boot Rajahs which was formerly for the King are come over to Sidde Abdulla Cawne and every body applys themselves to him for grants and favours.

Our account cash shall be sent up monthly, the 24th. Instant Mr. Noden deliverd us his accounts and we are a peruseing the same and first we find he has omitted giving Creditt for what Stores expended, as Rice Arrack and Wine but we shall take care to rectifie that omission.

It's now frequently [. . .] that Mawberize Cawn [. . .] Government and that [. . .] Cawne present [. . . .] to sup [. . . .] this [. . .] and they are accordingly respected by the Nabob. We beg leave to Subscribe with the greatest Respects.

METCHLEPATAM
MARCH YE. 27TH. 1718.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most Obedt. humble.
Servts.

WILLIAM HARRIS.
J. SANDERSON.

No. 35

To THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. OF FORTS S^T. GEORGE & S^T. DAVID &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

With your favour of y^e. 29 Ult^o. came y^e. Honble. Gov^rs. Comission for Ensigne John Caudle who makes his most Dutifull acknowlidgements and we hope will continue to deserve y^e. good Character we gave him.

Inclos'd is last months Account Cash which we desire may be replenish'd with all Convenient speed that we may keep touch with the Merchants who have allready brought in a Considerable Quantity of goods on the new Contracts.

M^r. Joseph Houghton having seiz'd [...] and Insulted the Companys Cheif [...] in a very Barbarous manner both [. . .] & Reputation and being found [. . .] against him in the [. . .] with Copy of [. . . inclos'd] we have [. . .] further orders and Doubt not your Justice to prevent such abuses hereafter. The Merchants & Inhabitants stand amaz'd at M^r. Houghtons Insolence and cannot think their Lives or Reputations safe till some publick Punishment is Inflicted that may deterr others from the like bold attempts in defience of the Government We most respectfully subscribe

FORT S^T. DAVID
APRIL Y^E. 9TH. 1718.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.
Your most Obedient
Humble Serv^ts.

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

No. 36

To THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. AND GOV^R. OF FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^A. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

We were just upon Dispatching a pair of Peons to advise of the Death of M^r. Smith who was seiz'd suddenly with Convultions upon the P^o. Instant and dyed the 4th. when the Dartmouth Sloop arriv'd upon the 15th. with your Hon^rs. &c^a. Letter of the 11th. We got the Treasure ashore the same Evening and the Sloop safe in the river the next morning.

Your Hon^r. &c^a. directions relating [to] 2 Towns shall be punctuall[y . . . ex]piration of the year if [. . .] make any scruple in re[. . .] withdraw our people[. . .] declarat[ion . . .] sist [. . .] upon [. . .] will not produce much above one half they stand rated at nor indeed can we say anything better of the rest of our revenue the one half of our re[venue] will remain a balance upon the Inhabitants our Beetle farmer will not be able to make anything this year it being beyond Immagination that the people who cannot afford themselves above one meal of rice in two or three days should regale themselves with superfluities. As for our land Import it has not a long time brought in so much (thô heavily enough exacted) as will pay y^e. people Employ'd to colect it at the Close of y^e. year we shall be able to discover what will be the loss and if Possible propose some remedy thô till the times as well as the Government mends we may expect in vain an alteration for the better.

We observe Your Hon^r. &c^a. Contract wth. the Bricklayers and shall regulate their pay accordingly they are much mended of Late and the Master bestows himself

to some purpose whilst they continue to ply their work they shall not want incouragement as on the contrary if tardy they must expect chastisement.

The timbers we have will we hope be sufficient to cover the upper Terrasses as for the lower rooms we can floor them at our Leisure though we humbly beg your Honr. &ca. to supply us as soon as possible that we may get the Curtain finish'd this season.

It is impossible but Mr. Symonds in whose memory the smart of that bold undertaking is [still] but too fresh must be under dismall ap[prehen]sions to see your Honr. &ca. in a method [of pursu]ing a point according to the rigour [. . . the Laws] and not withstanding [. . . .] on your Honr. &ca. may [. . .] humbly hopes that [. . . .] him to make good [. . . .] will consider thing with an eye to Circumstances of time place or whatever else was consistant with a Possibility of ℘formance there was an exception made in ye. said Contract for an allowance of what Charge[s] extraordinary should happen from the Government upon which score he could produce a large Account as for Let's hinderances, and impediments arrising from the Government, there was no necessity to ℘ticularly mention them, they reather [*sic*] seem to be employd of course, and the usuall protection allow'd, the Companys Merchants in case of oppression stoppage of goods &ca. was always thought to engage the Company as a principal and excuse the Merchants if by any such means the Accomplishment of their Contract was delayd to prove Mr. Symonds lay under these surcumstances we need only referr to ye. Vizagapatam Diarys and Consultations from December 1714 to October 1715 where scarce a Month passes without some grevance of that kind and to the end it may appear more plain We have made an extract of such passages as relate to that business, further there is a worthy member of your Hon . Board who cannot but remember what Mr. Symonds can never forget his ready assistance when any dificulty interpos'd and more than ordinary zeal to contribute all that lay in his power towards forwarding that work.

If any of the new interlopers come [this] way we shall use all possible means to [stop] their trade and take care [. . . .] ing to us hold any corres[pondence] unless it be with a design [. . . .] takings and [. . .] their ru[. . .]

[. . . .] as they stand in our Generall Book which are (since May last keept in little Cash the mistake in that ℘ticular was owing to an Oversight which shall be corrected.

All imaginable regard shall be had to the List of goods and so far as in us lyes we shall keep up to the length and breadths therein ℘scrib'd its with a great deal of reluctancy the weavers are brought to that point if the Cloth be close and well made they will pinch it in the measure as on the other hand if full Lengths and breadths they will make it the thinner as for Beteelas we will Invent some new stripes & if possible for the same price geet them some thing finer we find no order in the list for Neckcloths though those from hence by ye. Kent so much approu'd of.

The scarcity of Grain is so unversall [*sic*] here that we cannot expect any great matters to be done in these parts Ganjam is what we have to depend upon from whence the greatest part of our Cloth has been brought these two or three years we beleive twenty thousand Pagodas more will be sufficient for us this year though towards the latter end of July or the beginning of August we shall be better able to judge as as many more rupees as now sent will be of further service to us.

Upon the first turn of the Moonsoon we shall return the Dartmouth Sloop with Bales and follow your Honr. &ca. directions relating [to her] touching at Metchlepatam.

We received the stationary Ware and [. . .] for the Factors provi [. . .] had accompanyed [. . .] present strangers [. . . .] of some thing [. . . .].

We are taking an Inventory of Mr. Smyths Estate and when his Effects are sold shall [pay] the amount into the Honble. Companys Cash for as we can yet learn as he died in a manner suddenly he died Intestate.

Though we shall be very much at a loss [for a] Warehouse room we will make the best provision we can for Security of our Bales what we have must be sent up brown all our wa[sh]ers being Employd in making Chinam and they too few to keep our Workmen supply'd.

Inclosd we send our Doctors List of Medicens wanting which we desire you will supply us with by the first opportunity We are

VIZAGAPATAM
MARCH YE. 20TH. 1717 7/8.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most Obedt. and humble. Servts.

ROBERT SYMONDS.
COR. MOLL.

No. 37.

EXTRACT OF SUNDRY PASSAGES RECORDED IN THE VIZAGAPATAM CONSULTATIONS AND DIARYS RELATING TO YE. IMPEDIMENTS AND HINDARANCES MR. SYMONDS MET WITH FROM THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT IN THE PROSECUTION OF THE GANJAM CONTRACT.

Arrivd here two peons from Ganjam with Letters for Mr. Symonds advising him that Capt. Ha[milton] had treated his servants there with verry ill usage whereby they were greatly impeeded in ye. prosecution of their business of providing the sallampores he had Contracted for upon which the [said] peons being examind in relation thereto [deposed] that Capt. Hamilton did send [Brama]ny servt. of Mr. Symonds who [. . . .] -ing to him he sent again [. . . .] said Bramany w[. . . .] out of his [. . . .] Capt. Ha[milton] Mr. [. . . .] him to Hovildar and caused him to be whip'd by him a second time, afterwards Capt. Hamilton in Company with the Hovaldar went in search after the said Braminy, forcing into the house of one Narapilla Diavoloo Gomaster and not finding him there offord a reward for catching him and the Hovaldar placed guards about the town to prevent his Escape. DECEMR. YE. 20TH 1714.

Wrote a Letter of Complaint against the Hovaldar to the Govr. of Chickacull and dispatchd 25 of our best Peons to Ganjam for protection of Mr. Symonds Servants there, and to secure what Cloth they have provided for the Company [from] any accidents that may happen to it, by any Disturbance in that Country Government.

Mr. Symonds delivers us a Second Paper concerning Capt. Hamiltons ill Treatment of his Servts. as Enterd after this Consultation. DECEMR. YE. 23D. 1714

TO THE WORSPLL. WILLIAM JENNINGS ESQR.
CHEIF OF VIZAGAPATAM &CA. COUNCIL.

WORSPLL. SR. &CA.

Having had occasion to trouble you so lately with a Protest against the proceedings of Capt. Alexander Hamilton and Mr. James Monger as [highly] detrimentall to the Honble. Companys Affairs at Ganjam I was in good hopes that a Check from your Worship might put a stop to that growing evil.

Nevertheless as appears by sundry Letters from my Servants there, and the Deposition of [the] Companys Peons who were eye witnesses yt. [the s]aid Capt. Alexander Hamilton and [James] Monger, do continue as much as [. . .]ct hinder and ruin ye. [. . .] only by underhand [. . . .] the Country Government [. . .] employ'd [. . . .] but by open force seizing [. . . .] of said Savage by draging him out of his house with a design to imprison him put him in Irons and carried him away from his Business on board the ship of said Capt. Alexander Hamilton, as appears by sundry Letters under the said Capt. Hamiltons Hand Writing; moreover when the said Braminy had by means of a grate Croud of People

made his escape the said Capt. Alexander Hamilton and Mr. James Monger did seize upon one of the Companys Peons tied his hands behind him and whip'd said Peon to make him Confess and show him where the Braminy had conceald himself but not being able to extort from him what he was ignorant of, they carried him to Meerzeede who was then Govr. of Ganjam their friend and accomplice where they carried him to be whipt. a second time and when by that means they could not find the above said Savage they in Company with Meerzeede the better to Authorize their unlawfull proceedings foored into the house of Narrapille Diavoolo Gomasto expecting to find him there but missing of ye. aim they causd guards to be set all round the town to prevent his escape threatning with severe penalties all those who should protect him and promising a good reward to all th[ose] that should discover him.

It is with a great deal of reluctance Sr. &ca. that I am obligd to represent these [to you] but as you cannot be ignorant of the Obli[gation] I lye under and how far Capt. Hamiltons [. .] into that port and Investing [. . .] thousand rupees in Course [. .] detriment to me and an [. . .] of my Contract with the [. . .] you will co[. . .] accounta[nt . . .] ings [. . .] not represent to your Worship the difficulty of manageing matters with the Country Government so as to make the Companys Affairs pass without Molestation Judge then what can be expected when those of our Nation immediately under the Companys protection shall take upon them to combine with the Country Government to the prejudice of the Companys Affairs and by all means both of craft and force to subvert their Interest.

Labouring under these difficulties I appeal to your Worship &ca. whither it be so much as probable that I should comply with what is expected from me and humbly request you will represent the case to the Honble. Govr. and Council of Fort St. George as well as put a speedy s[top] to such proceedings for the future I am with the utmost respect.

VIZAGAPATAM
DECEMr. Ye. 23d. 1714.

Worspll. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedt. and most

Humble Servant
ROBERT SYMONDS.

JANUARY Ye. 12TH. Muzendar Narsana writes from Chicacul to acquaint us that the Governor there having stopt our goods coming from Ganjam upon pretence that he had not been presented according to Salabad wherein he expected further satisfaction and that our town rent was not yet [paid] which is not due till the expiration of the month by his mediation he was perswaded [to] let them pass after two days stop.

Wrote Sheik Mahomud Gullal Govr. of Ch[eckacull] that notwithstanding his perwanna, [he] [gran]ted us for the liberty of our trade [in Gan]jam we lately understand the pho[usedar of] Itchapore hath but a stop to it and [. . .] our business there to go for[ward ... be]cause for so doing.

[The phouseder] of Itchapore a [. . .] our goods at Ganjam [. . .] from [Cheaculla].

JANUARY 29TH. Receivd [. . .] Mahomud lal of Chickacull excuseing to stoppage of our goods from Ganjam.

FEBRY. Ye. 24TH. 1714/5. Wrote a letter to Sheak Mahomud Gillal touching some complaints from Ganjam.

CHICKACULL MAY Ye. 25TH. 1715. Receivd a Letter from the Govr. of Chickacull at Itchapore in answer to what wrote him upon some Complaints of his hard treatment of some of our people there.

JULY Ye. 10TH. 1715. Receivd a Letter by a Horsman and 4 peo[ns] from Shake Mahomud Julla to demand the rent of our Town and Concerning Mr. Symonds Bramany at Ganjam, from whom he has seiz'd goods to the Vallue of one thousand two hundred rupees.

AUGST. Ye. 23D. 1715. Sent a Mauldar with a Letter to Sheik Mahomud Gillal the seer Lascar at Chiakull relating to our town mony and his unjust detaining M . Symonds Effects at Ganjam.

Peons arriv'd from Ganjam advising that Ryman Cawn the Phousdar of Itchapor was Come by Sheik Mahomud Gillalls order to redemand Mr. Symonds goods, which he [had] some days before Consented to, and sign'd [an] order for the delivery. **October ye. 1st. 1715.**

Wrote to the Muzendar Vacanavis [. . . .] Codjee at Chickacull to complain of the [. . . .] Lascars base and ℘fidious dealing.

Muzender Narranna in answer [to the] Cheifs complaint against [Ry]man Cawn [. . . . .] that he will take Care yt. [. . . .]ement [. . . .] pen & that sd. Ryman Ca[wn . .] for Evil practices. **Do. 6 1715.**

No. 38

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.

Presidt. & Govr. of Forts St. George and St. David &[ca. Councill].

[Honble. Sr. &ca.]

[. . . . .] the first being Coppy of what wrote by the Madrass Brigantine that is not yet in sight we are prepair'd to give her a speedy dispatch with the Rt. Honble. Companys Bales having in the Godown 250 which we beleive will be more than her full Loading the Wheat grows a grate way beyond the Chingee Country and if any procurable must be brought hither at an excessive charge of which we shall give a Certain Account in our next.

Agreeable to your orders in your Letter of the 14th. Mr. Joseph Houghton was at our Consultation yesterday Dismis'd the Rt. Honble. Com. Service and at same time our Chief Dubash clear'd all Accounts Depending with him.

The Merchants have been pd. in full (by Computation) for their Contracts and agreements but some Bales could not be sorted till this month which ending we shall exactly clear the Ballance betwen us aad then send an accot. of the new running Contracts.

We most respectfully Subscribe
Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedt. Humble. Servants

Fort St. David
the 18th. of Aprill 1718.

Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Robert Berriman.
Thomas Wright.

[No. 39]

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.

Presidt. and Governr. of Fort St. [George].

Honble. Sr.

Our last to your Honr. was the 1st. Instant [we are] really sorry that there has Nothing [. . . .] since to advise your Honr. of exa[. . . .] Provisions in this place before your Honr. [. . . .].

[. . . .] such a Considerable number of Peons and the Country for want of rain but very Indifferently [supplied] in any sorts of provisions and in these few [Days] he has given out orders to all People that dwell in Villages and towns under his protection [now] about these parts for the space of fifteen leag[ues] to supply his Camp with Provisions and not to dispose of any else where on penalty of very severe Punishment, this proceeding of his is a great Deal likely to make a famine than ever and we cannot but say it's almost the nature of one at present, if the wars continue long[er] thousands of People must Perish for want of sustinance or else remove into other parts.

The Cuttwall here has receivd orders from Coja Gee by order of the Nabob to pro[ceed] and buy al sorts of provisions and hinder any coming here nay even fish are ingros'd and sent to Camp which makes poor Inhabitants complain heavily.

The Millitary make heavy complaints of their being almost starv'd for [want of pro]visions and with all they ac[quaint that] they cannot buy none for [. . .] which some of them dai[ly . . .] taken this into consideration [. . .] to open the salt Provisions [. . .] them eight peices we [. . .] manner as bad with [. . .] relief from your Hon[. . .] of the wars it will [. . .].

We have la[. . .] Letter from [. . .] Gunner [. . .] pow[. . . on] on which he was well satisfied and wrote us a Complimenting Letter.

Rajah Subana's Fort is prodigious strong and Excepting the Nabob should have other assistance than What he has at present its almost an Impossibility he should take it and if a few showers of rain should fall as is expected the ground is such as will oblige him to remove his Camp a grate distance from the ffort and accordingly we are inform'd he is a making preperations.

There is a very ugly accident happend at Camp by the Carelessness of one of our Portugeese Topasses for as he was a blowing a match some of the sparks fell upon the primeing of a great gun, off it went and kill'd four of the Nabobs men on which the Jammars threatens to murder the Portugees but we will see and prevent it if possible by writing to Coja Gee.

The Nabobs Point is finish'd but the Rajah Subanah peons hinders his placing Guns upon it; we beg leave to subscribe with all due respects.

HON^BLE^. S^R^.
Your Most Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Servants

[METCHLE]PATAM
[23^D^. APRIL 1718].

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

[N°. 40]

[TO THE HON^BLE^ JOSEPH] COLLET ESQ^R^.
[PRESIDENT & GOV^R^. OF] FORTS S^T^. GEORGE & S^T^. DAVID] &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

[We] have receivd your favour of the 23^d^. [. . .] according to your order M^r^. Simon [. . .] as yongest of Council [. . .] his most humble ack[. . .] Honble. Companys Cash by your Paymaster from the Soldiers pay lately sent from this place.

The Madrass Brigantine is not yet in sight to our great admaration the winds here being full East and Vessells dayly passing by from y^e^. Northward.

Hearing that wheat in the Country may [be] brought into our Bounds at about one hundred Pagodas ℘ Garce we have sent for a muster [of] advices about the Quantity procurable.

The 28th. Ultimo a large Ship with Portuguese Colours and a Flagg at her Main topmast head anchor'd over against our Fort and the note by Cattamaran said she belong'd to the King of Portugall and was freighted by Mer[chants] from Goa bound to Bengall but not saluted we sent back their boat that was coming when they sailed away to the Northward.

We most respectfully subscribe
HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most Obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
THE 1ST. MAY 1718.

FRANCIS [HASTINGS].
[JOHN BERLU].
[MATTHEW WELD].
[ROBERT BERRIMAN].
[THOMAS WRIGHT].

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No. **41**.

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET [ESQ^R^.]

PRESID^T^. AND GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

[. . .] To Present him with, and he returns you his [most] humble thanks for the same.

Last night We rec^d^. a Letter from Richard Pindar at Camp, which advises of the Nabobs taking Rajah Subbana's Fort, and by Report he will give that Government to his Couzin, the number of Peons that made there escap's from the Fort was about Two hundred, and those that was taken was immediately beheaded.

Provisions with us, is at Present Prodigious Scarce, but we hope Since the Wars are ended it will soon be otherwise, the immediate Scarcity occasion'd [o]ur Millitary to complain, on which to make them easy, We have paid them three mon[ths] wages and after this Month is expired they are in arrears two, We hope the Major part of their wages they'll disburse for wareing Necessary's which they stand in great need off, M^r^. Toms has likewise had two months paid him.

In few days We shall send our April Month Account, along with the other Six, by which time we hope to be able to give Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. a full and true discription of the posture of this Government.

Two Merchants which came lately from Oringabad informs, that Seib Abdulah Cawne has made ready there a Nabob in order to send to these parts, as soon as ever he had intelligence that Maubereize Cawne had taken Rajah Subbanas.

Through the instigation of one [. . .] a few days ago the Nabob sent for [. . .] Doctor and accordingly he went in order [. . . E] uenouch of the Nabobs that Rec^d^. a shott, [. . . n'd] Back with his Patient and at [. . .] but Little Likelyhood of his recovering ; [we beg leave] to subscribe with all due Respects.

[METCHLEPATAM]
[1718]

[Honble. S^r^.]
Your most Obed^t^ : hum : Serv^ts^.

WILLIAM HARRIS.
[JOHN] SANDERSON.

N^o^. **42**.

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.

PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORTS S^T^. GEORGE & S^T^. DAVID &C^A^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

The Madrass Brigantine Arrivd here the 2^d^. Instant, her Stores are deliver'd, and if the Weather permits, We shall begin tomorrow morning to Load her with Bales. Rains have hinderd us for two days.

Inclosed come our Merchants, Accompts of their last Contracts and Agreements ; on the new Contracts Sunco Narran has brought in Goods to the Amount of Ten Thousand Pagodas, and our old Merchants Four thousand, both setts going on very Briskly with the Business.

Our Cash Account stands open for the Severall Ballances that are to come in, with the closing of our Generall Books, We most Respectfully subscribe.

FORT S^T^ : DAVID
MAY THE 5TH. 1718.

HON^BLE^ : S^R^ : &C^A^ :
Your Most Obedient hum^bls^ : Servants

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROB^T^. BERRIMAN.
THOMAS [WRIGHT].
SIMON [HOLCOMBE].

N°. 43.

To the Honble: Joseph Collet Esqr.
Govr · &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^. S^rs^.

By [. . . .] Heathcote this Gives [. . . .] Your Hon^r^. &c^a^: S^rs^. that [. . . .] February the 26th. af [. . . .] of faint airs, and Cal [. . . .] 23th. where We found [. . . .] N^o^. ward, we very fairly [. . . .] where We repl[. . . .] Currents [. . . .] Follow [. . . .] to the [. . . .]. Light winds, as must be expected being the shifting Month for the Monsoon here as March is for the Bay.

I shall use all Possible diligence to gain as expeditious a Passage as can be expected at so unseasonable a time of the Year and am with the utmost Respect.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^. S^rs^.
Your most obed^t^. humble Servant
Thomas Wotton.

[Fr]om on board Ship Bouverie April 16th. 1718 Latt: 4^d^. 38^m^. S^o^. about 2^d^. W from the S. E. port of Zeloan.

N°. 44.

To the Honble: Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^: & Govr. of Forts St: George & S^t^: David &c^a^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

This comes by Ship Heathcote, that Arriv'd here the 6th. Instant from great Brittain, of which M^r^. Hastings Sent the Govr. Immediate advice. The Capt. came a shoar to take Some Refreshments in that time We Sent on Board, one hundred Bales amounting to Pagodas 4764. 9. 70 as ℔ Invoice, with Bill of Loading inclosed.

The Derby, that came out [in] Company with the Heathcote, pass'd by our Road [yester] day morning, Bound to your Port.

We most Respectfully Subscribe
Honble. S^r^: &c^a^.
Your most Obed^t^. hum^e^: Servants
Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Robt: Berriman.
Thomas Wright.
Simon Holcombe.

[Fort S^t^. David]
[1718.]

N°. 45.

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Fort's S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^a^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

This comes by the Madrass Brigantine, with one hundred & fifty Bales, amounting to Pagodas 7434 . 4 24 as ℔ Invoice, with Bill of Loading inclosed We send also upon her, Four Topass Soldiers that deserted from your Garrison, whose Names are mentioned at foot hereof, and We most Respectfully subscribe.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your most obed^t^. humble Servants
Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thomas Wright.
Simon Holcombe.

Fort S^t^. David
May y^e^. 8th. 1718.

The Names of the Deserters are
John DeMonte.
Thomas Gonsaloi.
Ricardo Fannailia.
Montezinia DeMonte.

Bombay Castle April [5th. 1718]

No. **46**

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of & For all
affairs of the English Nation
on the Coast of Cormandell
&ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

We have [. . .] recd. this season shall no [. . .] tions from the Right [. . .] Letter to us overland d[. . .] March the 14th. last and [. . .] have happened on [this . .].

[. . .] Companys [. . .] abroad [. . .] divers [. . .] Sent out This timely Notice to Forewarn all their Settlements in India, All their Ships now having Commission to Seize Pyrates they expect the Commanders to put them in execution, and for such as they take they shall be duly rewarded, But in case of their neglect when opportunity offers, The Right Honble. Company [can] require their Servants to whom Notice shall be given to protest against such Capt. Therein giving a full account of the Facts Leaving the rest to them.

There have been some credible Informations given the Honble. Court of Directors of a considerable Parcell of Cloth privately purchased last Season which they having reason to believe by the Sorts and Colours was intended for India Do Direct all their Settlements to whom any Ship are consign'd to be very diligent in enquiring what quantitys are brought out by them and all that is not specified in each Ship Manifest of Private Trade to be seiz'd and sold and the Produce paid into their Cash, advising the Quantitys, Sorts and Qualitys by what Ships or Ships brought, who claimed it, and what it sold for.

An early ship for the Coast or Bay is intended this season But the Honble. Court of Directors had not determined to which place, at the Date of their Letter. They are pleased to say they are sensible of the quantitys of woollen goods lying on your hands and will endeavour to prevent your being over burthened therewith if Bullion can be procured on tolerable Terms, and earnestly request yr. Care to empty your Warehouses of the old Remains as soon as well, & as much as Possible. They intend the stock for your side to be about ye. Amount of last years.

The Supplying Angra with Powder [and] other Warlike Stores, having had very mortifying [infl]uences moved our Present Govr. on his First arrival [. . .] any being carried off this Island, and to prevent [. . .] brought for sale from your side we have [. . .] requested the Honble. Govr. &ca. to forbid the Supra Cargo [. . .] Capts. dealing in so unwarrantable a commerce [. . .] thought proper also to lay bef ore our Rt. Honble. [Compy. that] they might know the inconveniencys they [. . .] ing a Powerfull and near enemy Furnish'd [. . .] men they have in answer thereto given [in the following] lines, "Had "an Accot. of this come in yr. [. . .] We could have advised Madrass and "[. . .] Complaints that the Bengall Shipping [. . .] with Powder & "Petre and [. . .] for the future In the Interim [. . .] to the [. . .] "They neither themselves [. . .] Protection, do ever [. . .] Them "home, they shall no Longer Stay in India be They who they will, if they are "proved Directly or Indirectly concern'd therein. Notwithstanding our entreatys "To prevent it, This very year to our no less Surprize than Mortification severall "Ships have considerable Quantitys of Powder for sale, We therefore find our Selves "obliged once more to beg your Honr. &ca. to forbid it in as Publick a manner as "possible that no one may Plead Ignorance; If any one Trespasses for the future, we "shall be necessitated to put our Rt. Honble. Masters orders in Execution.

On the reception of the Originall Phirmaund from Bengall, The President with some Members of the Council embarqued on the Morrice Capt. Eustace Peacock for Surat Barr in order to procure the full Execution of them for our side & settle the Old depending Accounts of the Banians, He was not so succesfull in the former as we could wish We are made to believe a few Month may put us in Possession, But

your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. well know the little dependance there is on this fickle Government, We have been more Fortunate in Concluding our old Accounts which we have good reason to hope will meet with our Honble. Masters approbation Since the neglecting them has been the handle for the Government to abuse their servants & Impede their Trade. It had likewise severe Effects on their credit, which we hope will now revive & that Surat Goods may be brought to the prices they have Limited us to. The President returned the 21st. of March in whose Company the Dolben coming [in] the Road unfortunatly struck on a Rock, on [. . . o]bliged, we are heartily sorry for the acciden[t . . .] the Capt. & officers, we think can't be [. . .] few if any were acquainted with [. . .] thus unhappily Discovered.

Angrias In [. . .] has this season taken two [. . .] being employed by M^{r}. Ben [. . .] from Bengall Capt. Dixon [. . .] prevents our curbing him [. . .] us a few Europeans, which [. . .] have been a means to h[. . .] a Prey to him, he having [. . .] which we should not have [. . .] strong enough to have [. . .] against him.

[. . .] the King [. . .] are [s . . .] Gom [. . .] they [. . .].

Since writing the above came to hand yours of the 28^{h}. of February last we note therein the Method you are obliged to make use of, for gaining Possession of & maintaining the Priviledges granted by the Phirmaunds and wish you success in obtaining the Island of Diu.

We cannot as yet inform you of the Particulars of the Peace concluded between the Samorine and Dutch.

The Gentlemen of Bengall have not mentioned any thing to us of the disputes betwixt them we should be glad to know the Particulars that we may with the more exactness state the case to our Right Honble. Employers. We cannot but think the usage our ships have mee[t] with from them to be hard especially considering the Treatment theirs have had from our Presid^{t}. here, We having undoubtedly the same Right with them to a Free Trade in all Parts of India.

The news of President Hedges's death we rec^{d}: by the Shawallum.

We Desire your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}: would Please to Provide us fifty Bits with Curbs and send them by the first ship. If you have any Commands on this side We shall gladly retaliate the favour.

We think it Proper that all ships come into Bombay to adjust their Customs with us after which they may have Free Liberty to Trade at Surat or any where else in the Mogulls Dominions, And Desire you'll give orders To your Supracargo's accordingly We are

HON^{BLE}: S^{R}: &C^{A}:
Yo^{r}. most affectionate Fr^{ds}: & hum^{ble}. Servants

CHARLES BOONE.
LAURENCE PARKER.
STEP^{N}. STRUTT.
JOHN CLAPHAM.
JOHN BRADDYLL.
WALTER BROWN.

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N°. 47

To the Honble: Joseph Collet Esqr.
President. and Govr. of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^.

Our Last to your Hon^r^. and Council was the 23th. Ultimo which advis'd of all Occurances to that time, and this comes to impart what has offered Since, and withall to inform Your Hon^r^: that our Accounts will be ready to be sent up in a very few days.

The Nabob has sent his son Jadah with Six hundred horse, and one Thousand foot to Golcondah, and Rajah Snbbana's Government that was, he has given to one Chellum by name, by which it seems to us that Subbanah will never enjoy it again, and to what Place he has made his escape, so its not as yet known for certaine, thô 'tis thought by most he's in Rangaputtyrauz's Country, but when the Nabob sent and desired that Rajah to deliver him up, he answer'd he had no such man at that time but that some time before his letter came he was under his protection.

Since the conclusion of the warrs we have receiv'd a Letter from Coja Gee wherein intimats pressingly our sending Seib Abdulah Cawns letter to Maubereize Cawn, but we have return'd him an Answer wherein mentions that excepting a good and f[ull reli]ance of having a Sunhood granted on your [. . .] proposalls (on the delivery thereof other [. . .] our Power to part with it; but as [. . .] return'd back with an Answer [. . .] five days.

The Nabo[b . . .] come here on Monday in [. . .] then by the best information [. . .] directly for Beswarr th[. . .] ready their Present for [. . .] Last 'twill Amount to [. . .] design to meet him in [. . .] suppose, to lessen us.

We [. . .] the Nabob to the v[. . .] Rupees, as be[ing . . .] care at the [. . .] servant [. . .] chief [. . .] will [. . .] any disgrace to make two Small Flaggs which has cost Fourteen Roupees, and we hope it will be approv'd off by your Hon^r^.

Here are two very deserving Men formerly old Company's Servants the Chief Dubash, Ile, and a Conicoply which has given their due attendance ever since our arrivall, and withall we cannot but acknowledge but what they have been very faithfull to their trust, and we should have found a great difficulty to have done without them, thô as yet they have not receiv'd no wages for their good services done; and as times begin to be very hard, with them they humbly request your Hon^r^. will be Pleas'd to allow them now monthly wages, and as formerly.

The Dutch here has had orders from Batavia and Negapatam to make strickt inquiry wheather we have got Due Island given us or not, which is what they never would believe, till our arrivall, two days after which they put themselves to a further expence, and sent Cossids to Surat, which are three days ago arrived again, and they now give it out, we have no such grant, so that what ill consquence will attend this, We with submission begg leave for your Hon^r^. to think, but in the mean time we must with submission say, we are very fearfull they have not bin so inquisitive for nothing.

On the 24th. Ultimo departed this Life George Sherwood of a flux and a Venerall dist[emp]er, for the latter he had bin under a black fellow[& kept] it Secreit from Doct^r^ Wyche till a day or Two [before] he died We beg Leave to subscribe with all due [respects.]

Honble. S^r^.
Your most Obed^t^: humble Servants
William Harris.
John Sanderson.

[Metchlepatam]
[May 1718]

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[No. 48]

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
[Presid^{t}. and Govr. of Fort S^{t}. George.]

[Honble. S^{r}.]

[. . . .] your Hon^{r}, we [...] before which Letter we send inclos'd, along [. . .] for your Hon^{r}. Perusuall, but the contents of the First is not according to what we wish'd for, that is, we was in some expectation of having a Sunhood granted, on Your Hon^{rs}: Former Proposal (but as we now finding a dis-apointment) in case he should insinuate farther for our sending him Seib Abdullah Cawn's Letter, We shall be sure to refuse complying with his Request, the Coja Gee intimates to us in his Letter, that if We should deny sending Seib Abdulah Cawn's Letter to Maubereize Cawne (the affair of Dieu Island if not compleated according to expectation the Blame must lay upon our Selves) he likewise mentions, Perhaps he has already accommodated Our Business with the Nabob, and in case we will deliver that said Letter; nevertheless We shall not disobey your Honour Possitive Orders to gratifie him therein, excepting we have a farther order from Your Hon^{r}: or a Sunhood deliver'd in our hands; otherwise we will not comply with his desire, for his fair Promises & non Performance, is what We have been so Long acquainted with.

The Nabob's Son at Nallagundah has lately been molested by the morottas, & they are So strong in force; that they turn rebellious, & now Rob[b] all Merchants & others that pass near Golcondah

We have informations th[at Nabob's,] Son, Seib Jadah is arriv'd at Golcondah [with] horse & one thousand Foot but [. . . .] according to Maubereize Caw[n . . .] by report hasten thither hin[. . . . .] expedition, he has quite [a . . .] to this Place, & he has alre[ady . . .] to Maduer Fort, which [. . .] from thence he proceed [. . .]
Rich [. . . .] Camp; the Nabob Prese [. . . .] We omitted giving you [. . .] in our last the omiss[. . .]
As [. . . .] encouragement to sent [. . . .] relates to the Portu [. . .] care, Not to [. . . .] of statu [. . . .] Honble: [. . . .] may.

[Metchlipatam] [Honble. S^{r}.]
[May y^{e}...1718] [Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servants]

[William Harris].
[John Sanderson].

No. 49

Bombay Castle Aprill 25 : 1718

To the Honble : Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^{t} : & Govr : of & For all the affairs of the English
Nation on the Coast of Cormandell &c^{a}. Council at Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble. S^{r} : & S^{rs}.

This Forwards Duplicate of what we wrote you by the Oxford wherein we gave you an Acco^{t}. of the Transactions on this side India to that date, We had just time then to mention the arrival of the Duke of York from Persia, & the troubles our Factory at Gombroon was in, for the Particulars of which, we referr your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. to the enclosed Narrative delivered us by the Agent, Copy of which we Request you would please to send to our Right Honble. Masters by the first opportunity. What steps to take in this unfortunate Affair We are not resolved on yet.

The 13th. Instant Imported the Shawallum & Morning Starr from Surat, where there is so great a scarcity of Grain 'tis feared a famine will ensue, The Same Day arrived the George from Mangalore with Rice for this Island.

All our Affairs remain in the same Posture as at our Last except the our Neighbour Angria begins to talk in a more insolent stile than usuall. We are

Honble. S^{r}. & S^{rs}.
Your very Affect^{te}. fr^{ds}. &
humble Servt.

Charles Boone.
Laurence Parker.
Step^{n} Strutt.
John Clapham.
John Braddyll.
Walter Brown.

[N°. 50]

[...Pe]rsia Government with [...]
Gombroon on Acco^{t}. of
[...] freight.

[...] of the Duke of York [...] Gombroon Cosroe Beg his [...]nder sent Sev^{ll}: Messages [...] had dispatched away three of their ships since the taking the Island Kishmish Larrack & ormus but not being satisfied with my answers, but continuing their Messages, Morning & afternoon desired they would do it in writing whereby it might appear to my Superiors (& theirs) knowing the Temper of the Persians who will not stick to add or diminish in their Acco^{t}. according as it Suits their Interest, besides thought it the best Method representing our former Grievances, & lost Priviledges in Order to have them redrest the Shawbunder & Janisheer left the writing part to the Sultan who sent me, a very Long Letter the substance of w^{ch}: as near as I can well remember was

That there has always been a great Friendship between the Kings of England & Persia & that for the Services We had formerly done them, they had shown Us a great many favours as Permitting Us to Trade in the Country free of Customs, & given us Houses wth. a Thousand Tomands ℘ Annum, for which We were obliged to keep [the] Gulph clear of Pyratts or any other the kings Enemies & [. . .] the Muscatters were to both & now on the Island Ormus Besie[ge] the Castle wch. if not relieved wth. Soldiers & Stores by means of [the] Ship 't would certainly fall into their hands wherefore did [not] doubt of my readiness, to Comply wth: his Demand whereby they might shew us more favour.

I answer'd his Letter acknowledging the friendship there had been between our Kings w^{ch}: hoped would always Continue, & that the favours they had done us was no more than our Due, for former Services which [. . .] the King of England a great Sum of Mony, & [...] Subjects their Lives, desiring no better Proof tha[n] they daily heard from Ormuz, the vast [. . .] did yearly bring his Persian Ma[. . .] Customs of Gombroon & places adja[cent . . .] wth: Trade w^{ch}: when it was once [. . .] to fear they began to Slight [. . . .] Us of our half Customs, & th[at . .] free of them our Selves, w[. . .] other Nations, as well as [ ] dutys, which ought not [. . .] our Consent being half [. . .] of Tomands that from Spa[. . .] to send a Caphillah [. . .] Banians Mony to pay [. . .] without our order [. . .] could not [. . .] Hon̄: Com[. . .] for all [. . .] the [. . .] Nations in India except the [Portugueze] who 'twas [out] Never dared to come into the [Gulph] wth. less than five ships at a time & that now were informed were coming with 8 that whenever the Honble. Company took the Muscatters to task they must doe it with the same force whereas to pretend doing any thing with one ship would be only making them a present of her with all the Kings Stores & Soldiers they having Two large ships off of Larrack & Ormus from 60 to 80 Guns 1000 Men each & a 100 Large Frankys & in Expectation of two ships more, which the whole Town knows besides should run the Risque of Loosing the Expected ship[ping] from Surat & Bengall, who have a great many Effects aboard belonging to his Persian Majesty's Subjects as well as the Honble. Company, who not knowing of any difference with the Muscatters would Come Singly & unprepared to engage such Powerfull Enemies, that if he Expected we should [do] them any

services, he must represent our Grievances to the King of Persia &c^a^. about him, & have them redressed when might depend, We should not be backward serving them as had formerly done.

I was informed the Sultan read my Answer before Zacharias Cawn Shawbunder Tanisheer &c^t^. People of Note & should say as well as they the English had a great Deal of reason to Complain & that 'twas the Persians fault, but at the same time, that must not now dispute former Transactions whilst the Enemy was at the door that if Ormuz Castle was taken he should loose his head & if had not the ship by fair Means would by Force, in the Interim the Banians Feast & Persian Nowrose happening could not forward [our bu]siness as at other times, thô still kept ballasting & [. . . .] the ship as fast as one Franky & the Feast would [permit] when on the 13th. of March in the Morning as was [. . . .] Franky with Goods, the Sultan sent the Derroga [. . . .] side, with severall of his People & Soldiers [. . . .] Hamauls to put down their Loads & go to their [. . . .] if they came any more to work for us [. . . .] their Bellys open taking at the same time [. . . .] from the Head of them to appear with them [. . . .] the Dutch being served the Same, I was [. . . .] till next Day to see how they proceeded [. . . .] feard than we on acco^t^. of their [. . . .] the Linguist to the Sultan, to inform [. . . had] happened, & that 'twas Contrary [. . . pri]viledges granted Us by the [. . . ing] our Goods without Molestation [. . . .] too kind to Us already [. . . .] we made so much [. . . .] much value [. . . .] think to Live in [Persia & enjoy so many & more . . .] without a suitable return which they never Demanded with so much Reason as at this Juncture & could not nor would not be denyed it, therefore advised me not to Persist in my refusall, there Past severall Messages backwards & forwards every day but all to no Purpose tho told them that the Comm^r^. always had a Commission for the fighting Part, which I had Nothing to say to being given by the King of England, &c^a^. that as to his sailing they were always limited by the Honble. Company, or Govr. of Bombay upon Acco^t^. of the Monsoons or Voiages the ship was to make, that in Case I pretended to keep the ship Longer the Commdr. had Liberty to depart without his Orders from me, I having Little else to do, but to Lade & unlade ships, for which there was a sufficient time allowed me, that the best thing I Could advise him, was to write to the Govr. of Bombay for Succours, who in all Probability might send some time enough but that would not satisfie him, saying in the Interim the Castle would be lost, I then advised him to write to Capt. Daws, & Send some body off to him which he said was not Necessary if I would give my Consent, however would write me once More, which I might show the Capt. if Pleased, so accordingly had the substance Translated & sent it on board by Messrs. Cooke Otgher & Linguist as ℔ Copy herewith N^o^. [8] which the Capt. answer'd in English to Us, but we enlarged thereon in the Persian specyfying that he had [no Commission] to Fight & if did without should Loose his Life & Estates when the ship came from Bombay they had no [. . . .] Muscatters Transactions, otherwise his [. . . .] come alone, or unprepared to Encounter [. . . .] that his time of staying in Gombroone [. . . .] according to his Orders from the [. . . .] should be obliged to sail in a [. . . .] sent any of his People off St. [. . . .] as he did his Yawl & s[. . . .] come off shoar, This answer [. . . .] made him worse sendin[g . . . .] Soldiers to Our Factor[y . . .] Armenians & [. . . .] any body [. . . .] Letter [. . . .] in the [. . . .] starve [. . . .] servant [. . . .] sent [the . . .] Live in [. . . .] along [. . . .] had Imported, [which the] Chief must Pay very speedily ([if] We had not Complyed with our Contract keeping the G[ulph] clear) otherwise would ripp his Belly open & hang him [by] the Heels wth. a Dogg & many more such like treat [nings] which was obliged to hear Patiently, & ordered our [Dubash] Broker & Scrivan not to come near the Factory on pain [of] Cutting their Feet off, which they could do no otherwiss than Obey, knowing his barbarous Temper, & Power [present] opportunitys offer'd We talkt big according to the Honble. Company's Interest, telling them in what manner it [will] be resented by our Superiours who would have full satisfaction for the same, who would kill a hundred of them for one of us, but their answer was, That no sooner Pacified than the loss of Ormus which would certainly cost their heads, The Next Morning after [the] Factory was shut up, sent an Englishman to hoist the Flagg but sev^ll^. soldiers called out & Pointed their Guns saying we must not hoist it on

Looking out of the Windows were served the same, being ordered to shutt them up In the Evening the Sultan sent a Hens Bashee or Capt. of Foot who is very intimate with him, & hath the Character of an honester man than most of them to excuse what [they] did saying 'twas by Order from Court which he could not Disobey & that I might Perceive he had all along begun with the Dutch, first in hopes that would have served me for an Example, whereby to have avoided the ill Treatment I mett with at his hands which would Be still worse if did not comply, therefore advis'd me in time that I might put some Remedy to these things, for he must have the Ship, & Since I stood it out that only the Capt. [had] the Disposall of her in such a Case to go off and [to] lade him my self to lett her out, or to sell her for [. . .] use, & not to come back w . Frivolous excuse [. . .]uld not avail me, they being Pretty Possitive [. . .] consented the Capt. would Expecially if offered [. . .]sent, We drew up a writing or Protest in[. . .] the short time & the Troubles were in [. . .] our wording it as ℘ copy No. 6 & signed it [. . .] Factory, that it might be more prevail[ling . . .] were] in carrying it aboard to Capt. [. . .]as ℘ Letter No. 7 to which [. . .]ast between us referr [. . .] Difficultys we mett [. . .] Ship to be of any service [. . .], must at last have [. . .] could not go back to Gombroon [. . .] without endangering [. . .] in Persia by reas[on . . .]-ment past[. . .] Govr, & Council [whereby to put] Dutch can have advices, who will have a fair Opportunity to engross the Trade of Persia either by assisting them or Suffering the Muscatters to remain Masters of all the Islands in the Gulph where they can Build Ships or refitt them without being beholden to the Suratters.

As to the Sultans threatning to rip my Belly open, I never could think he would come to such Extrem[ity] but having heard how we have been formerly used at Surat ([being] threatned with it) & the Persians some years past serving a Muscovite Embassador in Same Nature, I could not have expected a Better treatment had I gone ashoar whereas the Gentlemen in Gombroon may fare better by my absence hav[ing] an Opportunity of excusing themselves on My accot. besides writ a Letter to the Sultan acquainting him, that since could not be by any Means prevail with the Capt. of the ship that I was resolved to proceed in her to Bombay. & acquaint the Govr. thereof not doubting but he will send forces this Monsoon to Gombroon, whereby to regain the Credit we had lost.

The Dutch having all along suffered first & in every respect more than we, being ordered to carry all their Goods first to the Custom House when their Hamalls & Franky was stopt from sending Goods off they had their Long Boat & Pinnace well Mann'd thinking to carry their Goods off, so having Loaded the Long Boat, & put off, but were soon brought back by the Persians, & carryed before the Custom House, not suffering their men [to go off the shore] out of the Factory, which is surrounded [by 70 . .] not Permit them to hoist their Flagg or [. . .]-sions to go into their Factory.

Mr. Kettelaar [. . .] Second &ca. Council to the Sultan [. . .] but could not Learn Particularly [. . .] than what the Hensbashee [. . .] excuse themselves by say[ing . . .] fight, that their being [Fr . . .] by the King's of Persia, [. . .] Company a great sum [. . .] it under their hands, [. . .] Clear of Pyrates, or [the . . .] done, who recd. thous[. . .] made an Excuse [th . . .] Time to dispatch [. . .] the Skippers [. . .] but as he wir[. . .] ashoar, th[. . .] in wan[. . .] suffer[. . .].

No. 51

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Prest. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &cr.

1. Our Last to Yor. Honr. &ct. was [the] 23d. Ultimo & this Comes to Accompany Our 7 Mo. Accounts.

2. The Nabob is removed from Majdverfor to Beswar, & he has Sent from thence one of his sons with 400Horse & 800 Peons in Order to joyn Seib Jadah at Golcondah, for the Morattas rob & Plunder all Merchts. & others; they are in great strength, & in Case the Nabob[s] two Sons cannot take the Morattas or beat them out

of the Country, he will be obliged to go himself in order to Prevent their further ill Proceedings otherwise that Country will be utterly ruined.

3. Before the Nabobs departure from Cawnecull he gave Coja Gee all the Government of Rajah Subbanah & most all these Parts near as far as Rajamundrum & the same is now Governed & managed under him.

4. We are informed that there's a Boat imbay'd in False point & she has on Board for Us Provissions, there's Likewise, one Chest of Treasure so that for fear of any accident befalling her we have sent 5 Peons, in Order to send Us daily advices & withall in case any bad weather should happen & drive her [ashore] (as God forbid) to Prevent any of the Inhabitants [. . . .] on the Boat or any thing that's on Board her.

On the 7th. Instant in the Evening arriv'd [the] Brigantine Prosperous from Bengall, she was [. . . .] uldeva with Rice, but in Case she could not [. . .] Port, then to make the best of her way to [. . . .] Metchlepatam, & as she is arrived here, We [. . .] to Yr. Honr. &ct. orders, take on Accot. [. . . C]ompany 12 Garse of Rice which will amot. to [. . .] Currant Price, which is 10 measures [. . .] ees 2400.

[. . .] the Land winds are not set in [. . .] makes the Inhabitants fearfull [. . .] they should set in quickly, its [. . .] ther, We shall have any rain [. . .]

[. . .] ago We sent Coja gee a [. . . .] according to his Desire, [. . . Caw]necull to Goodera [. . .] Back, which Puts Us to a Great Necessity, & for fear We should Meet with such another Rougerry as the Gunney bags We have entertained 7 more Peons to supply Our want for the Present the Factory Godowns are all filled with grain, not having any more Room we are obliged, to put a quantity in the Open Factory thinking it more secure then hiring Godowns in such a Tyrannicall Government as this, We beg Leave to subscribe with all Due Respects

METCHLAPATAM
MAY THE 9TH. 1718.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Yor. Most Obedt. Hume. Servt.

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 52

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

Our Last was the 26th. Janry. [by] Shewsbury Copy of which comes herewith since which, [we have] been favoured with yours of the 2[1st.] Janry. [. . .] Contents whereof We remark, & shall in [. . .] to the needfull by Cossids.

This is Chiefly [. . .] dispatcht Ship Bouverie who sa[iled . . .] with a ffreit on board amountg. to [. . .] of Sugar &ct. on the Honble. Compa. [. . .] 30736. 11. 6 also ships Ba[. . .] the former with a Cargo [. . .] sail'd the 22d. Past, & [. . .] of Rupees 545201 — 13 [. . .] Fair Wind pray God [. . .] safe arrivall with [. . .]

[. . .] to You Laden with [. . .] Wax amounting [. . .] to Rupees 89 [. . .] you

[. . .] your Pre [. . .] [. . .]

[FORT WILLIAM]
[8TH. MARCH 1717/8]

[We are]
[Your very humble Servants]

[SAMUEL FEAKE].
[J. WILLIAMSON].
[S. BROWN].
[JOHN DEANE].
[HENRY FRANKLAND].
[WILLM. SPENCER].
[WILLM. COLLET].

N°. 53

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Fort S^t^. George &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

The 8th. Curr^t^. We Dispatcht hence the Mary Buoyer Laden wth. Salt Petre, Wax &c^t^. Bound for Y^r^. Port as ℔ Our Letter of that date sent by her wch. now comes Enclosed, but when she got out to Sea it blowing hard the Sea Running high & She Labouring very much with her Lading of Petre sprung a Leak in her upper-works, in so much, they were obliged to put Back, having damaged & Pump't Out Part of their Petre she arrived before our Fort the 19th. Instant in the Morning when with all Expedition We got out 367 Bags of her Petre that day, & about 8 a Clock at night it growing very black to the N.W. a Sudden gust of wind came down which lasted for near an hour with Great Violence in which she was unfortunately Overset, & none of her People saved, but one European & 3 Lascars upon a hen Coop, with the strength of the floud She afterward drove foul of the London Sloops bottom & drove with her up above Chutanutte Point where the London got clear from her & fastned a buoy to her the next day we sent Boats & Sloops with all Our People and all things necessary for weighing her, but She filled with sand so fast, all our Endeavours proved ineffectuall [excep]ting a few stores got out of her.

The Season is so far gone, there is no [possibi]lity of supplying you with Petre sooner than [. . .] next, when we design to Freight some up to you [. . .] bound to your Port.

We now reperuze Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. favours of [. . .] Febr^ry^. & shall Reply to the needfull therein.

Yo^r^. Bill of Exch^e^. for 4000 Siccas Pay^e^. to [. . .] presented to us the 20th. Ins^t^. which we [. . .] the 26 Curr^t^. hav^g^. taken his rec^t^. under [. . .] as you desired & wish it may Prove [. . .] Expect.

We have taken Care to Acquaint all People [. . .] your Coast Severall Vessells [. . .]re going, but the unreasonable [. . .] have had has hindred their [. . .] you'll be acquainted [. . .] Largely which is [. . .].

We are
Your very humble Servants

Samuel Feake.
J. Williamson.
S. Brown.
John Deane.
Henry Frankland.
Willm. Spencer.
Willm. Collet.

Fort William
28th. March 1718.

P.S.
We Desire you'l be Pleased to forward the Inclosed Packet to the Honble. the Court of Directors by the First Conveyance.

N°. 54

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Fort S^t^. George
&c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

1. By Sloop Philip & George that arrived here the 28th. Ult^o^. We rec^d^. Yo^r^. Hon^rs^. &c^t^. Letter of the 23^d^. D^o^. directing M^r^. Cornelius Moll to Succeed the Deceased M^r^. [. . .] Smyth as Second & the Effects of the Deceased to be carefully look'd after, which we shall not fail to do, & when [. . .] got in Pay the Amount into the Honble. Comp[any.]

2. The 19th. Ult°; a Moors [. . .] arriv'd here wth. Elephants, which has [. . .] of a Question in the decision of wch. the Interest [. . .] Concern'd.

3. According [. . .] which the Company held [. . .] the Moors reserv'd to the [. . .] Whither they esteemed th [. . .] from the Crown, or as wa [. . .] to be sold To any but the [. . .] have recd. the inclosed [. . .] which we have transl[ated . .] to the same deeming [. . .] Directions for [our Gov . . .] to their Demand [. . .] Footing the Con [. . .] the King quite [. . .] our Right [. . .] Merchts. [. . .] those & [. . .] are [. . .] Rajah Anante-rauz for denying some Gunpowder, [the] continual business We have in his Country has render'd it Necessary & usual to oblige him in that Particular, though it be a Business that ought to be managed with the greatest Caution & Secresie especially at this Juncture, lest the Nabob should come to the knowledge of it, for which reason We would have excused it but his giving Orders to stop Our Business among the Weavers in his Country will Oblige Us to Comply with his Request.

5. Sērjt. Skinner having deliver'd Us a Petition Representing his continual disorder & sickness & desiring Leave to go to Bengall We have granted it & given his Halbard to Dennis Kelly who has serv'd the Honble. Compa. in this Place as Corporal near 7 years without being Guilty of any misdeameanour, We have Like-wise upon the Death of Our Chief Dubash Quatta Ancreputte conferr'd that Employ upon his Father Quatta Norso, there being none of the Children as yet Capable, and as it has continued in that Family almost 40 Years We hope yor. Honr. &ca. will approve of our choice.

6. We have not Recd. any directions Concerning the Batty to be allowed the Master & Lascarrs of the Dartmouth sloop during their Stay here.

7. Herewith Comes Our Diarys & Consultations & Paymrs. Accot. to the Ulto. March, & our Cash accots. to the same time, designing to write again suddenly We Remain.

Honble: Sr. &cr.
Your. Most Obedt. hum. Servants

Vizagapatam,
[May 4th.] 1718.

Robert Symonds.
Cornelius Moll.

[*P.S.*]

Complaining they [ ] unless they had [ ] anced 'em accord-ingly [ ] each and desire [ ] of their [ ]

N°. 55

Sheak Goulam Modene Phousdar [of Cassimcaat] to Robert Symonds Chief of Vizagapm: [wishes health.]

I have been informed that a ship [ ] is arriv'd at Vizagapatam the Custom of wch. [belong to the King, wherefore do you send the [Elephant mer-] chants to me forthwith.

27th April. 1718.

Goulam Modene Phousdar of Cass [imcoat Ch]ief of Vizagapm. wishes health. [. . . to] send me the Owners of [. . .]ot done upon the same ship [. . .] Rice, & formerly severall [. . .] Custom of which doe [. . .].

Robert Symonds Chief of Vizagapatam to Sheak Goulam Modene Phousdar of Cassimcoat all hea[lth].

You write me that I have not sent unto you the Elephant Merchants, & continue to bid me send as likewise about the Custom of the Grain w^ch: you say belong to the King, I know it does, & it is the King that has given it to the Company by whose Power & order We receive it not of any inferiour Person, but of this matter I shall write y^e. Nabob you may do the same if you think fit, In such a Trivial matter as the ship at Vatterra which you have unjustly de[tained] these Seven or 8 Months, I may Judge of Yo^r. friendship, you will do well to Let her go about her business.

Answer^d. D^o. Die.

N°. 56.

TO THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. OF FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^T. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^T.

1. Our Last to Your Hon^r. &c^t. was the 9th Instant & this comes by Vizagapatam Peons to advise of the Death of M^r. Philip Noden who departed this Life the 12 Ins^t. in the Afternoon, he was not sick about 3 or 4 days of an intermiting feaver and convulsions, according to Custome, We have taken care of all his Effects at this Place & we have [sent] a Peon to Maddapollum to Order the Factory rooms to be sealed by the Braminy, now in the Service, & he that [. . .] which We take to be the most surest way of [. . .] the Right Honble. United Company's goods.

2. As for what We [. . .] M^r. Noden Died Intested onl[y . . .] to one of his slaves which a[ ] him, but not wittnessed, & [ ] him, he was delerious.

3. As M[. . .] Acco^ts: stands with the [. . .] all his Servants in [. . .] very regular Acco^ts. [. . .] Greater insight of [. . .] Cinfined till further [. . .] had not taken s[. . .] they design[. . .].

4. [. . .] a Guard [. . .] House [. . .] be able [. . .].

[*Paragraph* 5 *lost*].

6. [ ] All our People very much, & this Factory is not easily putt in a repair to Arme ourselves against the aforementioned heats, so that if Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^t. should not approve of any other then our Continuing in this Factory, We must beg Leave to say it may be to the hazard of some of Our Men's Lives.

7. Notwithstanding the Nabobs Camp is removed a Considerable way off, but during the wars at Cawnecull it has in a manner made a famine in these Parts, & at Present Provisions is so Prodigious scarce that what is eatable is not to be Purchased for mony, therefore we beg Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. will be Pleased to Consider Us.

8. As by information the Nabob is removed from Beswar to a Place Called Eberammapalam whis [*sic*] is in his way to Golcondah.

9. The Portugueze Padree acquaints Us, that he had been a talking with Coja Gee & after a Little Discours'd had Pass'd, the Latter told him that he had wrote the Honble. Govr. for to supply the Nabob with Gunpowder shott &c^t., but he had rec^d. a denial, on which the Padree tells us that he seems very much discontented.

10. Yesterday Coja Gee came into Towne, on which we sent our Dubash to give Our Service to him as Customary, & at his return he acquaints Us that he seems no otherwise then to Continue his former friendship, & we cannot but say that he never offers to hinder Our Affairs, therefore We cannot give Credit, [to w]hat the Padree informed, however We are not [going] to omitt advising of all informations.

11. Here are Severall Inhabitants that [have] complained to Us that M^r. Noden is indebted to [them I] have seen one Note which is sign'd by [M^r. Noden a]t the rate of 18 ℔ C^t: Land Interest, the [. . .]ess of which gives Us room to

suspect [. . .]th Little & We wish his estate may [. . .] shall make all the Inquiry Possible [. . .] of what may be owing to the Decd:

12. The Rt. Honble. Compa: Peons & [. . .] Us that Mr. Noden is indebted [. . .] stoped, & whilst the first [. . .] We are sensible it's very [. . .] that there's due to him [. . .]den a good sum̃, in our [. . .] to give Yor. honr. &ct.

13. [. . .] The first at Eleven measures ₰ Rupee the other at 12 should have taken 12 Garse, only We have good informations that there's four Vessells a Coming from Ganjam with Grain which in all Likelyhood it will be much Cheaper, so that as [. . .] are supplyed at Present with a Pretty good quantity. We have taken this into Consideration, & have thought it for the Benefit of our Honble. Employers to stay till they arrive, which when if as expected, We shall then take what's wanting to make up 12 Garse.

14. Excepting Yor. Honr. &ct. should think Convenient to supply Us, & very speedily with stationary Ware, We shall be obliged to Lay still, for at Present We do expend upon, our owne & that's almost at an end, We beg Leave to subscribe withall due Respects.

METCHLEPATAM
MAY YE. 14TH. 1718.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.
Yor. Most Obedt. hume. Servts.

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

P.S.
Yesterday the Dutch recd. a Letter from Golcondah which advises that Seib Abdulah Cawne has sent one Muckimsing his Duan, Nabob of these Parts with three thousand horse & that he is within three Gentue Leagues of Golcondah & withall the Morattas has joyn him on which accot. they give a great deal of trouble to Mauberize Cawns Sons at Golcondah, & in case he should offer to make his Escape then the Marottas to seize on this Nabob or cut him [off] his sons now keep cloose in Golcondah Fort with their family's it's [. . .] questioned whither the new Nabob will be able to overpower [. . .] but We shall know after they have had a battle or two.

No. **57**.

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT: & GOVR. OF FORT'S ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

Your [. . .] the 19th. at Night by [W . . .] which We should have [. . .] Deputy Governour's [. . .].

[. . .] of Our Soldiers [. . . . .].

Place [. . . .] 24th. Inch [. . . .] which [. . . .] We have given orders for Buying Horse Gram for the Expence of yor. Stable which shall be sent by the first Conveyances after We receive it.

We most Respectfully subscribe
HONBLE. SR. &CT.
Yor. Most obedt. Hume. Servants

FORT ST. DAVID
MAY 27TH. 1718.

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROBT. BERRIMAN.
THOS. WRIGHT.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

P.S.

We want very much Stationary Ware of all sorts.

F.H.
J.B.
M.W.
R.B.
T.W.
S.H.

LIST OF BALES.

Embaled	156
Beaters	40
Washers	104
Merchts. Godowns	200
Bales ...	500

No. 58

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & [GOVR. OF FORT'S] ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

We have recd. yor. favour of the 29th. Last Month [the Honble.] Presidt. Bill of Exchange for 5000 Pags. drawn upon [. . . Gov]r. which has found a Punctuall Complyance.

Inclosed come our Accots. of Cash for the [months of April & May] We desire You'll send Our Accot. Currt. [. . .] to make Our adjustments, & Proceed[ings . . .] Our Generall Book's.

We Most Respectfully Subscribe
HONBLE. SR. &CT.
Most obedt. Humble. Servts.

[FORT ST. DAVID]
[MAY 7TH. 1718].

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
[ROBT.] BERRIMAN.
[THOMAS WRIGHT].
[SIMON HOLCOMBE].

No. 59

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PREST. & GOVR. OF FORTS ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

Our Surveyor Mr. Launce come wth . this to Give Yor. Honr. &ct. an Accot. of the Progress in our Buildings since Janry. last, & receiving yor. further Directions, & Commands he will advise with Mr. Way about executing the same.

We send Inclosed Our Warehouse, & Storekeep^rs^. List of Goods, & Stores wanting Here, with that of Stationary Ware for a Year, & most Respectfully Subscribe

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Yo^r^. Most obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

Fort S^t^. David
the 11th. June 1718.

Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thomas Wright.
Simon Holcombe.

N°. 60

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Forts S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

By this Com[es thirty baggs] of Horse Gram, amounting to P[ag^s^. 68. 7 fa. 30 ca.] wth. the Tandell's receipt is In[closed].

We shall [. . .] Wee can Gett it in from t[. . .] of some wheat, thô all [. . .] & Dear, & unless some [. . .] must expect Little Be[. . .].

W[e are]
Honble. S^r^. [&c^t^.]

Fort S^t^. David
Y^e^. 10th. June 1718.

[Francis Hastings.]
[John Berlu].
[Matthew Weld].
[Robt. Berriman].
[Thomas Wright.]
[Simon Holcombe.]

N° 61

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Forts S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

We rec^d^. Last Night yor. Favour of the 10th. by Capt. Fitzhugh's Carpenters, & this Evening a Letter of the 2^d^. from M^r^. Secretary Emmerson, by the Boat that brôt the frame of the Sloop that is to be sett up here; On Monday the Carpenters will begin the work, & shall have all the assistance in our Powers.

We most Respectfully Subscribe
Yo^r^. Most Obedient humble Serv^ts^.

Fort S^t^. David
the 14th. June 1718.

Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Robert Berriman.
Thos. Wright.
Simon Holcombe.

[N°. 62]

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Fort S^t^. George &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

Your Hon^rs^. &c^t^. favour of the 19th. Ultimo Came to our hand the 30th. D°. first We are glad to understand Our Acco^ts^. arriv'd Safe, & this serves to Accompany our Acco^t^. [for] May wch. comes inclosed.

2. The Nabob is arrived at Golcondah with his [. . .] by report he is making up all differences with the [. . .] whose grievance was as by Information Mauberize [. . .] away a former Custome, which is 25 ℔ Ct. for all [. . .] at is sent from these Parts, to Seib Abdulah Cawne [. . .]de them so rebellious, & they'l continue in [. . .] excepting they obtain the usuall Custome [. . .] will be Comply'd with.

3. Verauze the Maddapollum Braminy [. . .] had recd. a Letter from Mr. Noden a Little [. . .] which order's him to dispose of what Paddy [. . .]der to Pay a weaver, which Mr. Noden [. . .] 75 on Accot. Cloth; We have consented [. . .] the Produce to be sent Us, & withall [. . .] into that affair, before We [. . .].

4. [. . .] to interseed in the behalf [. . .] first was formerly the Rt. [. . .] have been extraordinary [. . .] since our [. . .] & not as Government, & during Mr: Faucets attending the kings Present here, he was allowed 4 Pags. ℔ Mo.

5. The most valuest Commoditys of the Decd. Mr. Nodens, We have brot. into our Factory & have made strickt inquiery whither he had any Debts owing him by the Inhabitants, We don't as yet get intelligence of any so that We Cannot at present give Yor. Honr. &ca. a further accot. of his affairs, then in Our Last of the 14th. Ultimo.

6. On the 28th. Ultimo two of our Topass Soldiers enter'd here, deserted, but was brot. back the 30 by our Peons.

7. The Maddapollum Braminy writes th[at] there's due, to those People employed in the Rt. Honble. Companys Service there, two Mos. wag's, & he desires We will defray the same, but as We not being certain how much Mr. Noden, used to advance the Braminy at a Time, therefore we shall waite Yor. Honr. &ca. Orders before We Comply with his request, exceptiñg they should refuse doing their Business, if so there will be a real necessity for our paying one Month.

8. Since the Return of Our Peons We have retrench'd the Charges of Dieu Island, by turning some out, & we shall take a Particular Care to be as frugall as Possible in our Expences the Number of Peons we now entertaine, on Accot. Dieu Island, are 16 wh[ich] We think absolutely Necessary to keep into service till [it is ap]proved of by yor. Honr. &ca.

9. On the 28th. ultimo the Dutch Ch[aplain] Phiscall & Secretary went & waited upon Co[ja Gee at] Goodera, in Order to see whither they could [. . .] to use his interest with Rajah Ramrauze [. . .] to those troubles the Latter has gave [. . .] but as yet We don't hear that its [. . .] influance.

10. Ramrauze [. . .] to Marry, Rajah Duntul [. . .]

11. Fort S[. . .] from Bengall the [. . .] they complaining to [. . & desired We wou[ld . . .] Complyed with, & [. . .] for the same; enc[. . .]

12. [. . .] by virtue of the [. . .] dispose of part [. . .] We have obey [. . .] Measures [. . .] 1146 [. . .] Honble. [. . .].

13. [. . .] of the 14th. Ultimo do not arrive quickly grain will in all Likelyhood increase to a great Price; & Considering the Time of Year, it is almost an impossibility that they can arrive, till the Latter end of August or September.

14. The Military here have after the expiration of this Mo., due to them 4 Mos. Pay, & they are very desirous of having the same pd. them Monthly, & we cannot but acknowledge as times are at Present, it must consequently go very hard with them, therefore We desire Yor. Honr. &ca. will be Pleas'd to give us orders to Pay them

15. Coja Gee the 3d. Instant went from Goodera to Cawnecull, & his brother Coja Abdulah, is Come from Bengall to Dasheroone, & there he now Remains.

16. What Rice we now deliver our Millitary, is what was bought out of Brigantine Essex, & the Quantity that remains is 3 Garse & 119½ Mercalls.

17. We advised Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^t. in Ours of the 14 Ultimo, that it was Strongly Reported here by Many that Seib Abdulah Cawne was a sending one Muckimsing Nabob for these Parts, but We have heard Nothing like it since.

18. Here's a Muller that We was obliged to employ, to translate,& Answer Country Letters & as times begins to be very hard with him, he humbly desires Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. will be Pleas'd to take it into Yo^r. Consideration & reward him for his troubles.

If Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^t. should think it Convenient to give Orders for our Paying the Millitary, [what] is due to them ultimo June it will amount [to Rupees] 1440. 1 an. after which Our Cash will be but low [which will] appear by Our Acco^t. Cash, for at Present [what we have] remaining, is but Rupees 1986 : 12 Ann : [We beg Leave] to subscribe withall due respects

[METCHLEPATAM]
[7TH JUNE 1718.]

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^T.
Yo^r. Most obed^t. Hum^ble. Serv^ts.
WILL^M. HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

[N°. 63]

[TO THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOV^R. OF FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^T. COUNCILL].
DUP^E. [HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.]

This & after the returns to Dieu Island We Judge it most for Our Honble: Masters Interest she should continue with You, for she is to big to go up & down the River, the use she was built for & accordingly We have debted yor. Presidency for her as she stands in Our Books, which Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^t. will Perceive in the Duplicate of your Account Current Now Sent.

We observe by Yo^r. Last you were dispatching her to the West Coast, in Case she returns early enough to make a Trip to Us by the beginning of August, We will immediatly return her with as much Petre as she can take in which will save the heavy article of freighting that Commodity to you, so much Complained of by Our Honble. Masters, & what We shall be necessitated to do, for since the unfortunate Loss of the Mary Buoyer We have no other Vessell Proper for that Service that Can be spared at that Season when Our Europe ships are expected.

FORT WILLIAM
APRILL 17TH. 1718.

We are
HON^BLE. S^R. &C^T.
Your very humble Servants
SAM^L: FEAKE.
J. WILLIAMSON.
S. BROWNE.
JOHN DEANE.
HENRY FFRANKLAND.
WILL^M. SPENCER.
WILL^M. COLLETT.
JOHN E[YRE]

[N°. 64]

TO THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. OF FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^T. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

Here [. . . .] y^u. the 17th. Ult^o: since which [. . . .] by Ship Metchlapatam [. . .] have since had he [. . .] her to be sound, as yo[. . .] now sent you We ha[. . .] to be thoroughly Ref[fitted...]

next Laden [. . .] So good E[. . .] are Ple [. . . . .] Traders here to supply you as soon as the Season will Permitt in August next, We are

FORT WILLIAM
2D. MAY 1718.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.
Your very humble Servants
SAML. FEAKE.
J: WILLIAMSON.
S: BROWNE.
JOHN DEANE.
HENRY FFRANKLAND.
WILLM. SPENCER.
WILLM. COLLETT.
JOHN EYRE.

No. 65

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PREST. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

We have this Day recd. a Pacquet from the Honble. Prest: & Council at Calcutta, desiring Us to forward it with all imaginable expedition.

Since our last of the 4th: Inst. We have recd. [a Letter] from the Nabob relating to the Elephants that [were despatched] here ordering Us to send the owners of said [Elephants unto] him to which as yet We have given no answer [...] Interpose delays and excuses till we receive [your Honours &ct.] Orders & Instructions in that Particular.

The 14th. Inst. Dr. Robt. West departed this Life [...] for 3 or 4 days he had shown some sign [...]sed as we all were with the hot weather [...]n'd him to be so near his end, we shall take [. . .] & when they are sold, pay the mony in [. . . .]

We are in Great want of Timbers [. . . .] new Buildings before the rain [...] as Promised us a supply of [...] dayly expectation of [...] all advise what then offer [...]. We humbly beg leave to subscribe

HONBLE. SR. &c.
Your most Obedt. humble Servants
[ROBERT SYMONDS.]
[CORNELIUS MOLL]

[VIZAGAPATAM]
[30TH. MAY 1718.]

No. 66

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PREST: & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR.

Our Last to Yor. Honr. & Council was the 7th. Instant, & this Comes to pay Our most humble Respects to Yor. Honr. by Vizagapatam Peons, & here has nothing offer'd Materiall Since.

On the 7th. Inst. arriv'd here from Megapatam (*sic*) a Sloop belonging to the Dutch her Cargo Consists, in round Pepper & 3 Chests of Treasure.

This Phousdar & Coja Abdulah his Brother is arrived at a Place called Muggletore; & they are both expected in here to-morrow.

Seib Abdulah Cauder a Madrass Peon which Came From Bengall happened to fall sick at Vizagapatam, & returns by these Peons; he Complaining to Us that he had Nothing to subsist upon, on which We advanced him 2 Rups. which is 23 Fanams 42 Cash, enclosed comes his receipt for the same. We beg Leave to subscribe withall due Respects.

HONBLE. SR.
Your most Obedt. Humble Servts.
WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDER[SON].

METCHLEPATAM
JUNE 9TH: 1718.

N°. 67

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PREST : & GOVR : OF FORT'S ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

By this [. . .] Horse Gramm, amount [. . .] Tandells receipt incl[. . .].

The [...] Country, the Grain is [. . .] very good tasted bread [. . .] or two more, but a Far[. . .] hindrance.

The [. .] still for want of [. . .]

FORT ST. DAVID
[JUNE .. 1718.]

HONBLE. [SR. &CT.]
[Your most Obedt. hum. Servts.]
[FRANCIS HASTINGS.]
[JOHN BERLU.]
[MATHEW WELD.]
[ROBT. BERRIMAN.]
[THOMAS WRIGHT.]
[SIMON HOLCOMBÉ.]

N°. 68

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PREST. & GOVR. OF FORTS ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

With yor. Favour of the 21st. We recd. Invoice & Bill of Loading, for Goods & Stores by Mr. Hastings's Sloop which are not yet arrived, & this serves Chiefly to Accompany 59 Bags of Horse Gramm, amountg. to Pags. 97 34 24 as ℘ Invoice, with the Tandells receipt Inclosed.

We most respectfully subscribe

FORT ST. DAVID
JUNE THE 30TH. 1718.

HONBLE : SR. &CT.
Your Most obedt. hum. Servts.
FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROBT : BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

N°. 69

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PREST : & GOVR : OF FORTS ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &CT. COUNCIL.

Honble. Sr. &ct.

Herewith Comes Coppy of what accompanyed some Horse Gramm by Country Boat, the 30 Ulto.

We must acknowledge receipt of the [. . .] stores by Mr. Hastings's Sloop, as also the Stationary [Ware sent] Us by the Boat that brô the Little Derby's Frame, [. . .] Cargoes on as well as Possible, but the Plank, & [. . .] alls, are not yet arrived.

Inclosed is our Last Mos. accot. Cash which [. . .] Pleased to Replenish with all convenient [speed We most] respectfully Subscribe

Your Most Obedt. Humble Servants.
FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROBr. BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

[FORT ST. DAVID]
[JULY 7TH. 1718.]

N°. 70

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Pres^t^. & Govr. of Fort's S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

M^r^. Emmerson's Letter dated the 14th. ult^o^. by Country Boat with Invoice & Bill of Loading for 540 Plank upon her, did not arrive till the 10th: & the Boat Anchord' Yesterday in Cuddalore Road—This Comes by sloop Ramah with 60 Bales amount^s^. to Pag^s^. 3180 26 50 as ℔ Invoice, wch. with Bill of Loading is Inclosed.

We send also Our Merch^ts^. Acco^ts^. for Last Month, & a List of Goods wanting in the Warehouse, & Most Respectfully subscribe

Fort S^t^: David
the 12th. July 1718.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Yo^r^. Most Obed^t^. hum^e^. Serv^ts^.

List of Bales.

Embaled	278
At the Beaters	50
At the Washers	225
In the Merch^ts^. Godowns ...	150
	703 Bales

Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
R^t^. Berriman.
Thomas Wright.
Simon Holcombe.

N°. 71

To the Honble: Joseph Collet Esqr.
Pres^t^. & Govr. of Forts S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

1. Your [. . .] the 19th. we rec^d^. the 20,000 P[. . . .].

2. Yo^r^.[. . .] Care & dilligence, in [. . .] to yor. Expectations, towards [. . .] from the West Coast, in O[. . .] end of Septem^r^.

3. W[. . .] to the Severall Para[. . .] conserning this [. . .] in the M[. . .] Complyance [. . .] here [. . .].

4. [. . . . .].

5. We have rec^d^. our Acco^t^. Curr^t^. & shall send yo^rs^. as soon as Possible.

6. The work on Sloop Derby, is in a great forwardness, & if the Weather Continues to favour it We expect to have her in the Water by the beginning of September. Inclosed is a List of Stores wanting for her, which we desire may be sent on Ship Derby or the first Conveyance We Rec^d^. on the 19th. & 20th. M^r^. Emmersons of the 20th. 27th. ult^o^. & 3 Ins^t^. by Country Boats with Invoices & Bill of Loading for Timber & Plank sent upon them. We send Inclosed a List of Gunns & other stores that we want, & most Respectfully Subscribe.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Your most Obed^t^. hum^e^: Serv^ts^.

Fort S^t^. David
the 23^d^. July 1718.

Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thomas Wright.
Simon Holcombe.
Robert Brooke.

N°. 72

TO THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R.,
[PRES^T. & GOV^R.] OF FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^T. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^T.

Since our Last to yor. Hon^r. &c^t. of the 17th. ultimo [here] but Little Offered materiall for a subject, neverthe[less] according to Promise, we shall send up our Acco^t. [. . . .] this serves to accompany Our June M^os. [Acco^t.].

We have rec^d. a Letter from the [. . . .] Braminy which advises of his cuting [. . . .] laid in the Factory in order to make [. . . .] the Water side which is to Preserve [. . . .] to Rubbing downe the Garden well [. . .] some with a very small charge it [. . . .] the intent; [. . . .] but for acting in such [. . . .] knowledge or Consent of us [. . . .] wrote him a reprimanding [. . . .] proceed in the like [. . . .] his Prejudice, We have [. . . .] not in our Power [. . . .] a direct [. . . .] M^r. Noden stood indebted to him 75 Pag^s. & withall he had under his hand, which orders the Maddapollum Braminy to Pay the weaver the Produce of what Paddy M^r. Noden had there but We to be further satisfied We order'd the said weaver to Produce the same Letter & accordingly he show'd us one, which had not a fair Letter in the whole Name, neither was it any thing Like the Deseas'd Signing (this gives Us some suspicion that there's something more than ordinary) therefore We are resolved not to Pay any thing without a further good Proof, he acquaints Us that M^r. Nodens Books will make apear that debt, but as We have not Perused them, We give no Credit to what he reports.

4. This Factory House is in a very Leaky & rotten Condition, in so much that if the winds blow harder then Ordinary, theres some part or other falls down, & Particularly the Pails round the Factory rather worse & propping with Palmeres We find much adoe to keep them from falling; so that excepting Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. should think Convenient to order some repairs to the Latter they must Consequently fall in a Little Time.

5. Rice still continues to be extreamely Scarce & Dear which makes Poor People almost ready to Perish with hunger & what grain is now disposed of in this Place, belongs to Coja Gee, & he delivers the Banyans five Candy ℔ Day, in order to be sold the Inhabitants, but Considering the small quantity & the great Number of People here is, so that what's deliverd out is but Little or nothing when Computed.

6. On the 24th. Ult^o. arrived [. .] Parr from Negapatam Loaden with ro[. .] the Latter was to be sent to Pollcull & [. .] to supply there Demestick servant [. . l]oaded the same the Government [. .] reimbarke it again) they have [. .] 100 slaves, which at this time [. .].

7. 400 P [. .] Golcondah confirms tha[. .] Unity and Peace with on [. .] berize Cawns allowing [. .] 25 ℔ C^t. for all rent in [. .] Abdulah Cawne.

8. [. .] departed this Life [. .] begings to fall down [. .] unwholsome [. .] the want of [. .] adds to [. .].

9. [*Pararaph 9 lost*]. . .

10. [. .] With yor. Hon^r. &c^t. of the 1st. Ins^t. which shall be replyed to fully as soon as ever We have taken an exact Acco^t. of M^r. Noden's effects, which will take us up some days.

11. If We should have paid the Millitary what they are in arrear, We must have taken mony up at Interest, therefore to prevent the same we have only p^d. them 2 m^os. & our remaining Cost is Rupees 655-0-0. . .

12. We have according to Order presented the 2 Persons yor. Hon^r^. &c^t^. was Pleased to mention (& a Braminy which was omitted the very serviceable) the sume of 34 Pag^s^. & Considering their good & their faithfull Services, We hope Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. will not reckon that unfrugall, We beg Leave to Subscribe withall due Respects.

METCHLEPATAM
JULY Y^E^. 14TH. 1718.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Yo^r^. Most obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

N°. 73

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
[PRESID^T^. FOR A]FFAIRS OF THE HON^BLE^. UNITED COMP^A^.
[MERCHANTS OF] ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST
[INDIES & GOV^R^. OF FORT] S^T^. GEORGE &C^T^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.

On the 5th. June arrived here the George [brigantine w]ith the Supervisor, & M^r^. James Hubbard [. . .] whom, We rec^d^. Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. Generall Letter of [. . .] to which, We shall Now reply under the [. . .] formerly Prescribed, in which we shall [. . .] the fullest Acco^t^. We can of the state of [. . .] affairs recommended to Us, & hope Our [. . .] will Meet with Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. approbation, [. . .] We are now guilty of may be imputed [. . . Super]visor has had to make a further [. . .] Acco^t^. in Our next advices, [. . .] Materiall Occurrences since [. . .] om hence of the 16 December [. . .] Again the 6th. of May on Ship Success.

3. On the 31st. Jan^ry^. the Falconbridge Capt. Freak Godwin Comm^r^. arrived here from Bengall, & on the 11 March she sailed for Batavia.

4. Ship Hester Capt. John Gordon Comm^r^. burthen 300 Tons was dispatched for England the 11th. February with no more than 144 Tons of Pepper on Board from hence, & about 10 Tons wch. bro^t^. wth. her from Borneo, this mismanagement by wch. Our Masters will be so great Sufferers might easily have been prevented by sending her to Madrass (whither the Capt. was very desirous of Going) & the Benjamin being about that Burthen might have gone full Loaden wth. Pepper from hence, as is more plainly demonstrated in our Consultation of 23^D^. May to wch. desire You will Please to be referred.

5. On the 4th. April the Presid^t^. was dispatch^d^. with Stores & Provisions for Bentall being the first trip she has made of it of this Road in 18 Mo^s^., who returned the 26th. of the same M^o^. & was dispatch'd thither again on the 9th. May with Capt. Irving & a Sufficient Party of Men with armory stores &c^t^. necessary's, in Order to Accomodate the late troubles there. We are dayly expecting to hear of their Success, & hope to give Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. a satisfactory Acco^t^. thereof in the Close of this Letter the ship returned here the 28th. May, & We now send her to Madrass in Company wth. the Success, she is very old & Crazy by lying so Long here without repair, thô in a Good Condition to proceed on her voyage as ℘ Survey taken on her and entered after Consultation the 13th. Ins^t^.

6. We should have been more expeditious in the dispatch of these two ships to Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. [but for] the Mortality & Sickness wch. the Success has [. . .] Us Capt. Graves having buryed 16 of his sh[ipmen at] Bentall, & has now 16 more of his [. . .] Sickness that are not Capable of d[. . .] that We have been forced to a [. . .] Gunroom Crew, & the Comp^a^. [. . .] the George Brigantine was [. . .] in Order to relieve the B[. . .] in as bad or rather we [. . .] Capt. Graves, & Capt. Bra [. . .] with their Ships, & Men [. , .]ns they are now so [. . .] We cannot do less th[an . . .].

7. [. . .] Some other Vessell a [. . . .] Brigantine other [. . .] Coast, wch. may [. . . .] [Paragraphs 8 and 9 lost].

[. . .] May Yor. honr. &ct. will Perceive to be Dollars 38233 Ca. 86 wch with what has been already disbursed this Mo. & the great Arrears. We are to discharge at Bentall, with Some advance, We must send them to carry forward their Buildings at Moco Moco, & other incident charges in this Place will bring down that Summ to Nothing in 3 Mos. at furthest thô managed with the Best husbandry as follow's Vizt.

Payd out this Mo. as ℘ Order of Consultations at Severall Payments	7409	3	4
Arrear's due at Bentall for the Ballce. of their October Accot.	7992	3	46
On Chest We must send them toward Carrying forward Moco Moco	4000	—	—
Paymaster Stewd. Pepper Godownkr. Salary & other incident Charges here at Least 5000 ℘ Mo. for 3 Mos	15,000	—	—
Another advance must shortly be made for materials here	3000	—	—
By wch. Computation there will remain But	830	2	36
Dollrs. ...	38233	—	86

After which Our dependance will be on a supply either from Yor. Honr. &ct. or From England without which We shall be at a stand with Our Buildings both here & to the Northward wch. hope Yor. Honr. &ct. will timely take into Yor. Consideration.

10. Of the 15 Pipes of Madera wine recd. ℘ the Success 5 of 'm Proves quite sower wch. Misfortune has put Us to great streights for Liquors, not having a Bottle of any kind fit to drink, on the Supervisors arrivall, We have since got a Small Supply from Capt. Graves of wch. [We shall] be very frugall, & beg Yor. Honr. &ct. kind assistance [in the] Article so far as you may judge necessary.

[SECON]DLY AS TO INVESMts. OF GOODS [. . .] FOR EUROPE [. . .] TOUCHING THE TRADE OF [. . .] GENERALL & THEREIN ANY [. . .] ES WITH THE COUNTRY [. . .].

11. We are very sorry We can't give [. . .] Pleasing accot. of the Pepper [. . .] the Northward, from [. . .] so fair a Prospect [. . .] have happened that [. . .] Honble. Masters [. . .] ing [. . .] ir [. . .] They have done from the wild Beasts during the Time they have been neglected, but of this we can have no true Accot. till a Peace is Concluded; wch. we are in dayly expectation of, and we are Realy of Opinion all this might in a great Measure have been avoided, if Sultan Cutcheel had been protected at the beginning against his abdicated Rival Sultan Guilliamott, but the quite Contrary mean's has been us'd, either through fear, or with a design to Reestablish Guilliamott Emperour of the kingdom of Arrack Soongey as appears by the Large assurances he has had of the Comps. Protection if he would accept thereof, & live in friendship with Us for the future; all wch. yor. Honr. &ct. will more Plainly Perceive in the Country Lettrs. sent & recd. from hence, as well as those passed between him & Mr. Morris wch. he had endeavoured what he Could to conceal from Us.

12. The Probability of this Our Opinion We hope will soon appear by the Success, Capt. Irving & his Party may meet with, who are sent to Bentall, with Orders to confirm Sultan Cutcheel who still retain's the hearts of his People, & if Possible to take or destroy Sultan Guillamott who as We are informed is beloved by none & feared but by very few of his former Subjects; who in conjunction with Rajah Mansore and his intrest have besieged Bentall &ct: to the Northward, now upwards of 6 Mos. & for his reward he had given him no less than his Sultanship, if he had obtained it, but he being Lately dead, gives us greater hopes of Bringing matters to a Conclusion.

13. During these unhappy [disturbances] our Honble: Mast^{rs}: have suffered not only [in the matter] of defending Bentall, but the Loss of 2 of their [. . . .] & Tryamong, where Our People were [. . . .] Layd in ashes, as they Likewise [. . . .] & severall adjacent Places of s[. . . .] Capt. Graves has been an eye [. . . .] Passages on this occasion, a [. . . .] of any Particular relating [. . . .] express in writing, to whom [. . . .]

14. We [. . . .] Chiefest reasons to w^{ch}. [. . . .] these Parts wch. is more [. . . .]tation of the 23^{d} : last [. . .] Us in Our oppinion, & [. . .].

15. The [. . . .] the Malay's & with [. . . .]—chase it at [. . . .] that I [. . . .] by wch. t[. . . .]

16. But this good Design of Govr. Collets wch. is so well approved of by the Company has of late been most horribly abused, both by Cheating the Company & oppressing the poor, the Store keep^{r}. not being permitted to Sell or Exchange Salt, to any Person without the Deputy Govr. Leave, so that it has been sold out of the Comp^{a}: Godown to Particular Persons in exchange at 20 bamboo's of Salt for 20 of Rice & 24 of Salt for 48 of Paddy, & sometimes for ready Mony at 25 ℘ C^{t}. advance, & by those persons or Others appointed by them, it has been Retailed in the Buzarr at the Extortionate Rate of 4 Bamboo's for a Dollar, or what they Pleased to ask for it, whereas the Comp^{a}. usually sell it at 16 Bamboo's for a Dollar or Less (but never more) According to the Price of Paddy & Rice wch. they alway's buy at Bamboos for a Dollar.

17. This hard usage of engrossing the Salt (in wch. We are well assured the Deputy Govr: himself has been concerned) is complained of by the Country People far, and Near, & is what they all declare has taken them of, from Looking after their Pepper trees, & Planting Rice, and Paddy, to make salt for themselves wch. they have a tedious way of Performing & nothing but meer necessity would ever induce them to take half the pains.

18. We have now ordered the salt to be sold to any Persons that are willing to Purchase it, in Exchange at one Bamboo of salt for one of Rice, & one of Salt for two of Paddy, & for ready Mony at the same Rate Rice sell's for in the Buzarr, not exceeding sixteen Bamboos for a dollar, under the same Penalty's [accor]d^{d}: in Govr: Collet's time, with wch. they are all mighty [well] Pleased & Promise to bring in Pepper, & Rice, in [respect of] which we find they already begin to Perform.

19. This wth. the Late troubles from the Oran[. . .] the Chiefest reason has detarded Pepper from [. . .] as formerly, We have been once alarmed [. . .] ch very near Us, since the supervisor's arriv^{ll}. [...] from Padre Paneamar their Priest demand^{g}. [...] Loss of their People that were killed; and [. . . .] Plundered of when they were Last y^{e}. [. . . .] a suitable answer as entered in the [. . . .] y^{ry}. sent & rec^{d}. which hope will deterr [. . . .] attempts of hostillity since wch. We have [. . . .] them.

20. [Notwith]standing these Difficulty's We [. . . suffi]cient to send home the [. . . .] troubles are once well [. . . .] some Provision for a [. . . .]

21. [. . . .] Much more than Agreed upon in his Contract, which we must Comply with, or lett drop so good an undertaking, wch. is now in such Forwardness that in a few years We can't doubt it will answer the Charge; We take all possible care to see that the Money is fairly appropriated to that use; & hope yor. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will approve of the Method We have taken in appointing M^{r}. Francis Everest Surveyor of the Sugar & Arrack plantations, as also of the Pepper Garden by whose report Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will have a more perfect acco^{t}. of the condition they are both in at present, the Sugar & arrack said to be sent home on the Rochester was not sent as mentioned in the Last Lett^{r}. from hence nor have they yet had so much as a muster of Either, we now send Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. on the Success 2 cannisters of Sugar containing 4 Pecull & one Leagr. of Arrack as ℘ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclosed amounting to Dollars 45 : 2 Sucos and the Storekeep^{r}. has still remaining in the Godown's 217 pe^{cl}. Sugar & 13½ Leaguers of Arrack, besides what the Undertak[er] has Ready to deliver up which is about 80 Pecull more of Sugar & 13 Leaguers of Arrack, We desire to know what Quantity You would have sent You as often as an Opportunity offers.

22. The Companys Pepper Garden has been altogether neglected, & run almost to Ruin, many of the Pepper Vines being dead, & those that were Left taken no manner of Care of, if it had continued so a little time Longer it would have been past retrieving, but since M^r^. Everest has had the care of it, the Garden has been well weeded & cleaned, the Vines are now ty'd up, & the Paggar Repaired wch. We hope to give Yo^r^. Hon^r^: &c^a^: a better [account] of next year there are some Pepper Gardens [close by] of the same age as this wch. are now ful[l of Pepper] ready to be gather'd wch. show's how [our Garden has been] neglected.

23. We now se[nd . . .] Success 4 bags of Coals wch. ar[e . . .] about w^ch^: the Comp^a^; are adv[ised . . .] is not yet discovered, wh[. . .] is plenty, & have them [. .] We now send are fou[. . .] are only what are [. . .] from the Mountain [. . .] Myne to be, & are b[. . .] Costs much dearer [. . .] at the Rate We now [. . .] Our English Smith [. . .] the Myne, bu[. . .] Oran[. . .].

24. [. . .] small Quantity sent to the Comp^a^. as a Specimen of the Produce of the Conntry, the Supervisor has now sent to the Honble. Pres^t^. about the quantity of a pound of the same wch. is all the Place affords, tis not improbable but with Little Care this might be brô to Perfection, thô the young Plants and Seeds lately Set w^ch^: Promised very well at first are since dead, there is not now above 10 Trees in the Place wch. is not sufficient to supply a nursery on the Comp^a^. Acco^t^. thô some private Persons have young Ones a growing up, in wch. we shall give them all due encouragement, & if theirs succeed it will not only enable but encourage us to try what We can do for the Company.

25. Advices of the state of this Place said to be sent by Capt. Norgate in May Last was only Meant private advices, no Generall Lett^r^. being then sent.

26. The writing deliver'd by the Dep^ty^. Govr. to the Pangarans for a confirmation of their former priviledges, is the same as has been given by former Supervisors, & Dep^ty^. Gov^rs^. wch. was confirmed by Govr. Collet, and Lastly by the pres^t^. Dep^ty^. Govr. coppy of which is now entered in the Book of Malay Lett^rs^. sent, for Yo^r^. Perusall, they likewise desire a Confirmation of the same, from the present supervisor wch. he has Promised to Grant them.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS AND REVENUES.

27. It will be something difficult for us to explain the true state of Our Fortifications & buildings other[wise] than by the plan We have now sent you by Capt. Graves [with] the Remarks thereon, by wch. it will appear that very Little [progress] has been made therein since Govr. Collet Left the place.

28. Only the So. W. range of Buildings for [. . .] & Officers wch. are but little more than half [. . .] is time, the flooring & Partitions within [. . .] & Window's not being yet begun [. . .]ner it has layn these 8 or 9 m^os^. past[. . .] want to be new covered before it [. . .].

29. The Northwest range for the Gunroom & [. . .] Begun for want of Materialls, thô it was [. . .] Chinaman on the 12th. Novem^r^. last to compleat [. . .]llars, half to be p^d^. him in hand, & the remaind^r^. [. . .] wch. Mony was accordingly Advanc'd [. . .] has applyed it to his own use, [. . .] foundation being yet [. . .].

30. [. . .] for the Comp^a^: [. . .] Collet's Time [. . .] Ruin [. . .] vice [. . .] That We shall deferr going about it till we have yor Hon^r^. &c^t^. orders for so doing, We have had it well surveyed by the best Workmen in the Place, & referr Yo^r^. Hon^rs^. to their report as enter'd after Consultation of the 13th. Ins^t^. by wch. you will be better able to judge if you think it worth that charge or not.

31 The W^t^. Bastion stands just as Govr. Collet Left it only with the addition of another flank, run up wth. Brick & Chinam about ten footh of it's heigth, the whole being not near one quarter finished, as more Plainly appear by the Plan wch. is all the Brick work that is Built about the whole fort except the Vault adjoyning the E^t^. Bastion wch. was done by Govr. Collet, by all wch. Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. will perceive how little work has been done for so Great Sum̃s as has been expended, & how much more 'twill require to finish what is now in a Manner but Begun.

32. The Plan We now send is made by Padre Comini who is an ingenious man, & understands something of Fortification, & as he say's is acquainted with the first scheme of the Fort he makes it Appear to Us that the West Bastion wch. is the only one yet commenced has been Carryed on through mistake in too large a Graduation in proportion to the designed Fortification, by placing the walls without the Outward lines of the first Plan, instead of Placing them within wch. is very Probable, for Should We carry forward the Rest to answer the Bastion that is now begun the whole will be out of Proportion, for the Curtains will be 136 foot, & the Faces will be 90 foot wch. ought to be 146 foot the curtain, & 73 foot the faces, We hope what [has been] said with the Remarks on the Plan is suf[ficient to be under]stood wch. suppose Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. allow's of & [. . .] Build the Fort irregular, by making the [. . .] Smaller Graduation in proportion to [. . .] Ground will not allow of making [. . .] what is begun) wch. will certainly [. . .] near ¼ part of the Expence, & [. . .] this Place as well ; still [. . .] Curtain's must be also [. .] in Length Otherwise they [. . .] Our inward Buildings [. . .] wherefore We desire Yo[. . .] proceed any further [. . .]—ring Brick & Chinam [. . .] have work enough [. . .] begun by M^r^. Farm[er . . .].

33. [. . .] Fortification [. . .] Pa[. .] Arrivall besides what was fallen before ; wch. will, be an endless charge to keep in repair, & what we should not continue to do, were it not for the present Troubles we are ingaged in.

34. Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. must Wonder at this Description when you peruse ther Gen^ll^. Lett^r^. to England ℔ the Hester, Wherein 'is represented as a durable & lastinig work then Compleated & what would never require future expensive repairs, than wch. nothing can be more false, for at the Supervisor's arrivall wch. was near 3 M^os^ after the Hester Sail'd, not above one third part of the breast work was Compleated, wch. falling down as fast in one Place as it could be Raised in another, We have resolved to Proceed no further with it, only to give it necessary repair's till We hear from Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. about it.

35. How they could engage in a work of this Nature without first Permission either from Yo^r^ Hon^r^. &c^t^. or from England, and neglect what was more material, We leave to yor. better Judgement, it not only proving useless & chargeable in Repair, but by the nearest computation it has cost 10,362 — 42 Dollars under the head of New Buildings as ℔^r^. inclosed Calculate from the Paym^rs^. Acco^ts^. if We find it too Chargeable to keep this in Repair as doubtless We shall We must desire Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. Leave to make a new Paggar without this wall wch. will still be more expensive, it being now of a much greater Extent than formerly.

36. But 'tis not to be wondered at what they have done here, when M^r^. Morris of his own head, or only wth. the Deputy Govr. consent has sett about a work of the [same] at Bentall wch. has since been approved of from hence notwithstanding their former Orders, that they should set [no] new Buildings whatever in that Place, except [what is] absolutely necessary for the Preservation of the [. . .] People, they write Us from Bentall that [. . . pull]ing down before 'tis half finished & will [. . .] Design, wherefore we have Put a Stop [. . .] Proceeding on it, this was certainly [. . .] intent than to create work whereby [. . .] Opportunity of disposing of a Cargo [. . .] hence to Pay the Workmen.

37. [. . .] to the Condition of the Buildings [. . .] of them so much out of Repair [. . .] fit for Service, Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. [. . . Acco^t^.] here of in Messrs. [ ] after the consent [. . .].

38. [. . .] the [. . .] Last for 101 Dollars & that the Materialls expended thereon was charged as to the Comp^a^. Buildings, by which indirect way of purchase, there is now knowing the true Cost of it, it was designed for a Chappell, but has never yet been made use of as such, nor indeed is it fit for that or any thing else, being very Leaky & damp, & when We Come to Carry forward that Part of Our Buildings We must be obliged to Pull 't down, it standing so much in the way of the Bastion wch. is a Great fault in the Deputy Govr. to Permit any house to be built

so near the Fort, Expecially in such a Place, & We are likewise informed that these very materialls are part of the Deficiency Messrs. Shyllinge & Garret are Charged with, & it's not unlikely but in Time it will be proved so.

39. Upon the Supervis^{rs}. arrivall here, there was scarce stick, or stone of any kind of materials remain^{g}. on the Place, for want of wch. the work has been so long at a stand & is so still, wch. is the Reason We have not Yet gone forward wth. any of the Buildings or Repair's, but James Rawlins having lately petioned to Resign his lease of undertaker, We have now entered into Contract wth. M^{r}. Stephen White to provide the same for 3 year's, at the Rates mentioned in his proposall Entered after Consultation of the 13th. inst^{t}. wch. is about 20 ℔ Cent cheaper on the most Expensive Articles than the Comp^{a}. have been hitherto served, wch. We hope Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will well approve of, & We shall new sett about providing Materialls of all sorts wth. all expedition that We may go forward with the Buildings to [Your Honor's] &c^{t}. Satisfaction, & shall always observe Yo^{r}. [. . .] having them Viewed by the Council [. . .] receives them on the Comp$^{a's}$. Acco^{t}. [. . .].

40. A good Quanti[. . .] wch. may be put on Board the [. . .] Room of Ballast would be [. . .]per to the Comp^{a}. & we believe [. . .] any thing We can procure [. . .] & always wanting repair [. . .]ceable for covering the [. . .] so flat that the Attop [. . .] Buildings that are la[. . .] not lye upon, expecia[lly . .] think fit to repair, [. . .] Long Gallery [. . .] wch. We ha[. . .] Be the best Covering for all Buildings in this Place & would in a great Measure secure us from Fire wch. We are now in Continuall Danger of, Either from Our Enemy's or any other accident; & if We find this answers Our Expectations, all the Buildings may be Cover'd with the same without altering the Roofs & no further Charge than the Cost of the Tyles.

41. If Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. would Likewise please to send Us some Baggs of the seeds of Palmeira fruit, such as grow round Fort S^{t}. David bounds wch. this country does not afford, the Charge would be but a triffle, Not costing above 6 or 7 fanams ℔ Mille in Madrass if they should take to the soil they would soon be of singular service to the Place, & will never Require any Care to be taken of them after they are once put in the Ground in the first 4 or 5 Year's they will begin to Give leaves wch. is the best sort of Thatch & is what is much wanted here; in about 20 year's they may Give Toddy, when the Comp^{a}. will Reap the advantage, and when they are full grown they may be cut down for the use of the Buildings & will be more serviceable for some uses than any of the Country Timbers.

42. The Sloop begun by Govr. Collet stands just as he left her, thô there has been a great Deal since Charged to that Acco^{t}. Yet she is rather backwarded in the Building than she was, the Shed being quite uncovered & most of the shoar's, & the Paggar Sticks are stole away by the Coffry's or others, her Frame is still in good order and very Substantiall, wch. shall be finished wth. all Possible speed, if Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will supply Us wth. 100 Teak Plank off 25 foot long & $2\frac{1}{2}$ Inch [thick] wth. 3 or 4000 Nail's of about six inch long Commonly [. . .] wait nail's wch. will be sufficient for her Bottom, & [for the rest] of her works the Plank formerly sent We [have not] designed for her use, but is now so split by [. . .] its scarce fit for any use whatsoever, [therefore we] have Ord^{d}. $\frac{3}{4}$ of its cost to be wrote of, & [the planks be] immediately Apply'd to the Buildings or [otherwise to] be made the best use of.

[To]uching Factors Writers [Sold]iers & their Accounts.

43. [. . . s]hall now answer to the late Prosecution [. . .] the former being sent home o[. . .] for Frauds said to [. . .] wch. We should [. . .] than W[. . .]ma[...] Each other, in case of Suspension, or any alterations made from Fort S^{t}. George, on this acco^{t}. & no other Coppy's of said bonds are entered after our Consultation of the 30th. May & 13th. Ins^{t}. & in all Probability this was the Chiefest motive that induced them to lay aside the Generall Books, & send home the Originalls, also all Originall Vouchers, & acco^{ts}. any way's relating to the Frauds said to be Committed, without which 'tis impossible to do Justice either to our Honble. Mast^{rs}. or the Gentlemen Accused, & we believe the Papers & acco^{ts}. belonging to

Messrs. Shyllinge & Garret, (wch. We have taken from M^{r}. Farmer since he offered his oath that he had none Left belonging to them) when they come to be examined will make appear, that great part of their Debts, & Other effects have been unjustly appropriated towaıds clearing M^{r}. Farmer's private Acco^{ts}.

44. Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. has one instance of this kind in the disposall of Hermitage House sold by Order of Consultation of the 10th. of Octo^{r}. last, wch. they allow to be worth no more than Doll, 800. for the reason it cost no more from Govr: Collet, which Tis Apparent that near Doll. 2000 has been Laid out upon it Since that time, with the Materials that were sold wth. it, & had never been worked up to the Amount of Near half that sum, after the dispatch of this ship We shall sett about Enquiring into what Papers taken from M^{r}. Farmer wch. will we hope give us a greater insight into this Affair, & enable Us to give a more Particular Acco^{t}. ℘ next opportunity.

45. Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will see our whole proceedings herein as Entered at large in our Severall Consul[tations] since the Superv^{r}. Arrivall to this time, wch. are to [Long to be] repeated here, & to wch. desire You will please [to refer and] hope what We have done will meet [with your Honour's] Approbation.

46. The Gentlemen [. . .] Partly Acted in the Prosecut[ion] &c^{t}. do assure Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. t[hat] were Contrary to [their Opi[nions] verball Objections thereto, [. . .] entering the same in [. . .] be pleased to pardon, [. . .] like Omission for the [. . . .] in their behalf that [. . .] information of all sor[ts . . .] their different sentiment [. . .] were only over [. . .] Council [. . .] for Eng [ ] land' . . .]

47. [. . .] Could Not Cost M^{r}. Shyllinge Less than Dollars 1500 & would have yielded a Price Accordingly, had they been sooner sold, as to the Rest of M^{r}. Shyllinge's Goods under Charge of the Ware Housekeep^{r}. which Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. Leave to the disposall of the Supervisor if to be done to advantage, they are most of them improper Goods for the Market, & Cannot be put of one wth: Another for what they are valued at, thô some of them being course Goods wch. are but a small part of the amount will sell very well, but the rest which are very fine Goods, & dear rated being much the greater part of the Invoyce will not sell here, but must be exported, Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. has a list thereof comes herewith, wch. if you think Proprer, for the Comp^{a}. use they shall be rec^{d}. into the Warehouse on their Acco^{t}., if not the Supervisor is willing to give that Price for them himself, only Excepting such as may be Damaged wch. We believe is no great matter, upon receipt of Yo^{r}. Orders they shall be disposed of Accordingly.

48. We have Given Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}.&c^{t}. our Sentiments of the Dep^{ty}. Govr: mismanagement in Severall Affairs to the Prejudice of Our Honble. Masters under their proper heads, in most of which he has been Guilty of a direct breach of their Orders, as contained in severall Paragraph of their Generall Lett^{rs}. to this Place, some of which We send You Coppy's of, for Yo^{r}. Perusall, namely the 34 & 48 Paragraph of their Lett^{r}. ℘ the Avarilla 50 Paragraph ℘ Catharine, & their 29 Paragraph ℘ Success wch. We should have thought a sufficient reason to have suspended him their service, had it not been out of reguard to a Particular Clause in Yo^{r}. Private Instructions to the Supervisor, wherefore We referr the whole to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. determination, & considering the great Charge the Comp^{a}. are now at in Salary (and Allow)ances both the Supervisor & the Dep^{y}. Govr. We [immediately] put a stop to the Dep^{ty}. Govr. Salary &. (Allowances) from the ℘^{mo}. ins^{t}. till Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. Pleasure [is made] known.

49. On the 19th. Jan^{ry}. M^{r}. James Morris was sent [. . .] Supervisor of the Honble. Comp^{a}. Affairs at Bentall [. . .] wth. Orders to inspect into their acco^{ts}. & use his [influence to settle] Peace wth. the Country Government, who [sailedd on the] 6th. May on Ship Success, but He being [. . .] could not make any Enquiry into his [. . .] 30th. of said M^{o}. as more plainly appears [. . .] of that date, when he could not or would [. . .] Manner of Acco^{t}. of affairs there pretending [. . .] the time He had been there, & was [. . . En] quiry into their Acco^{ts}. but at [. . .] enough to Line out a [. . .] described in the 36 Para [. . .] Government He used [. . .] ponde

[. . .] Were found as Cap[t]. Graves hed described them containing many earnest Entreaty's & Large Promises to Guillamott, if he would accept of the Kingdom amongst other Papers in his Pocket was found a Bond from M[r] . Farmer to aid & assist him in case of his being suspended from Fort S[t]. George on Acco[t]. of sending home Mess[rs]. Shyllinge & Garret, this puts Us upon Searching M[r]. Farmer's Papers also, where his Counterbond was found on the same Conditions wherefore, We have not yet made him an offer of being of Council at Bentall, as Yo[r]. Hon[r] &c[t]. are Pleased to appoint him but instead thereof We shall suspend him the Hon[ble]. Comp[a]: Service, for the reasons aforesaid till we receive Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[t]. further orders.

50. We have not Yet resolved upon settling the Council at Bentall the Ballances due to themselves in Octo[r]. last being very Large amounting to as ℘ inclosed List Doll[rs]. 7992-3-46 the Payment of which has been stop'd ever since because they were thought extravagant, and no Notice has been taken of it since, thô M[r]. Morris was sent down thither for that purpose; this Seems to be a great hardship upon them if there be no Reasonable objections wch. does not yet appear, We have now sent down M[r]. Lewis Deane to remain there Second of Council who with the assistance of M[r]. Robert Dymond We have ordered to inspect into their Acco[ts]. & send Us their Report thereof as soon as Possible; when if there be no objections We shall Order the Ballances to be pay'd, but till We receive their Acco[ts]. & the Country [is . . .] about them We can Neither settle [. . .] forward w[ta]. Moco Moco w[ch]. has been [. . .] time for want of Nailes.

51. M[r]. Elisha [. . .] Pleased to appoint one of the [. . .] 12th. March, his effects were [. . .] to Doll[rs]. 1182. 1. 76 w[ch]. is [. . .] Debts in this Place, the [. . .] him & M[r]: Rawlin's, [. . .] him w[ch]. We hope will [. . .] shall be payd into th[. . .] an 100 Pound left him [. . .] 700 Doll[rs]. He Remitted [. . .] M[r]: Rawlin's is Co[. . .]

52. [. . .] the [. . .] on [. . .]

53. [. . .] Inventory, & Acco[t]. Curr[t]. of his Estate.

54. We have no yet rec[d]. any acco[t]. from Bentall of the Estate of M[r]. Samuel Clark dec[d]. ass also of severall other Persons dec[d]. there, when we do We shall credit Your Presidency, & debt M[r]. Clarks estate for the Sum̃ payd the Hon[ble]. President as directed.

55. D[r]. Strachan having for a long time rec[d]. pay & officiated as Ensign as well as Surgeon, both here & Bentall, his Ensign's Commission was taken from him in Octo[r]. Last, for no other Reason as the Deputy Gov[r]. himself says, but that He thought it an extraordinary expence to the Comp[a]. w[ch]. having been allowed him for Encouragement, in consideration of having no other allowances than His bare Salary, and no private practice offring here for his advantage, w[ch]. are Perquizites that all Surgeons enjoy in other Settlements, We thought it but reasonable to continue it, wherefore the same Commission was again returned him, & confirmed by the Supervisor from the ℘[mo]. Inst[t]. We did not think convenient to allow him his Pay for the time elaps'd without Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[t]. permission w[ch]. He hopes You will be pleased to consider it having been stoped from him for no misdemeanor.

56. We have not yet attempted to retrieve that article of the Comp[a]. Revenues the Gaming [lic]ense, w[ch]. would be very improper at this Juncture, [but] when the Country is in better Order about Us, [our En]deavours shall not be wanting if it be practi[cable but] in this We shall be very cautious how We [shall do] We not offend the Natives.

57. Padre Don John Comini having [. . .] at Madrass has desired our [Leave to . . .] thither on the Ship Success, he Promisg. [. . .] first opportunity.

[Sixthly] Touching Accounts

58. By the Accomptants report in Con[. . .] May Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[t]. will percieve [. . . co]mmencing May 1715 & [. . .] England unballanced, & [. . May 1716 to] [. . . has been] Omitted in the [stocks at the beginning] of them as all the Buildings in Generall, Severall of the Debts, & most of the Credits, so that there is now three Years Books behind hand, the Accomptant believes He shall

be able to bring up the two ℔ of Books wanting by the help of the Monthly acco[ts]. but that he cannot be done in less than a Year's time at Least; he is now hard at work about them, & Promises to spare no pains in getting them done within the Time, He proposes, & We shall take care to have the Coppy's kept in the best forwardness they Can be, that they may be ready to be sent to Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[t]. to England, as soon as they can be brought to a Ballance.

59. This is Chiefly Owing to the Deputy Gov[r]. by sending home the former Originall Books, & the Hon[ble]. Comp[a]. make him wholy Accountable if their Acco[ts]. are suffered to run behind hand, as ℔[r], the 29: Paragraph of th[eir] Generall Letter ℔ the Success Copy of which Amongst others We send for Your Perusall.

SUPPLEMENT.

60. The 18: ins[t]. arrived here the Benjamin from Bentall the Gen[ll]. Lett[r]. rec[d]. by her with Coppy of their Consultation of the 14th. ins . comes in the Packet, by w[ch]. Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[t]. will perceive that Capt[t]. Irving & his party are returned after having wholy routed the Enemy Guillamott is now fled into the woods with only one European 3 Topasses, & a Coffrey, w[ch]. are some of our Deserters to accompany Him where they must in evita[bly . . .] the whole Country is so averse to him [. . .] kill than assist him w[ch]. they would [. . .] done had Sultan Cutcheel been [. . .] this Our Late Success Yo[r]. Hon[. . .] a matter it would have been [. . .] warr from Catown to Ben[tall . . .] since Novem[r]. last in w[ch]. [. . .] 20000 Doll[rs]. at Bentall [. . .] Morris Turf wall to [. . .] to have a fair Prospect [. . ,] business to maintain [. . .] Our Selves about [. , .] what Pepper may [. . .] hopes is Considera[ble . . .]Give Your Hon[r]. &c[a]. [. . .] here ℔ there [. . .].

[*Paragraph* 61 *lost*].

62. [. . .] with [. . all the assistance], We are able to Give Him.

63. If Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[t]. can spare Us a supply of Military they will be highly necessary, for the Great mortality at Bentall has much weakned our Force both here and there, We have Exchanged most of the well Men sent w[th]. Cap[t]. Irving for so many of their sick, w[ch]. We doubt not [will] soon revive by the help of Marlborough air w[ch]. proves very healthy.

64. The Accomptant has given in [some] Proposalls for alterations in Our Acco[t]s. to make Gen[ll]. Books conformable As near as Possible to [those] of Fort S[t]. George in Complyance w[th]. the orders [lately] rec[d]. from thence which Proposalls are agreed to & entered after our Consultation of this date.

65. Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[t]. will see by the Invoyce, the Charges on the Arrack receiv'd from the Plantation is 4 Doll[rs]. the Cask & one Doll[r]. for Carthire from Bencoolen & one Satally Pecull of Sugar for carthire these articles not being specifyed in the Contract, We desire to know if you are Pleased to allow of this Charge to be wholy on the Comp[a]. acco[t]., Likewise the Number of Gallons the League[r]. ought to contain is not agreed upon in the Contract, the undertaker bringing them in Generally in half Leaguers, w[ch]. do not contain one wth. another from 60 to 65 Gallons Each at w[ch]. rate he expects We received them whereas a whole Leaguer ought to contain 180 Gallons, w[ch]. being so great a difference, & the charges so [high] We desire Your Orders what standard We are [to go] by; & if we are Permitted to dispose of any of the [arrack] or Sugar, w[ch]. We have sometimes the opportunity [to sell] at about 35 Doll[rs]. the Leaguer of Arrack, & [at ℔]Pecull the Sugar.

We have not to add but to wish Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. [health] & happiness in Our Hon[ble]. Masters affairs.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[T].
Your Hon[rs]. Most obed[t]. hum[ble].
Servants

[FORT MARLBRÔ]
[21ST JUNE 1718].

THOMAS COOKE.
RIC[D]. FARMER.
JAMES HUBBARD.
STEP[N]. NEWCOMBE.
[JOHN] KINGTON
[WILLIAM PALMER].

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ADDITION TO FORT MARLBRÔ GEN^LL. P^R. SHIP ROCHESTER DATED OCTO^R. 23^D. 1717.

Our Last ℘ the Rochester was so ample upon most of Our transactions here, that We Presume We need not enlarge upon Subjects already treated on, especially [if] Your Hon^rs. please to peruse the Gen^ll. Letter sent to Fort S^t. George by the Brigantine which contains a ℘ticular Acco^t. of the Late revolutions of the Country Government to the departure of said Vessell, since wch. there has been discovered the whole mistery of that formedable design concerted & carryed on not only amongst all the Malays upon the Coast (except those immediately under Our Protection) but also the Oran Goonoos, or people of the woods to extirpate the whole English Nation, & ruin their settlements, We happened to make a right conjecture when We believed Sultan Guilliamot to be at the bottom of this intreague, but We were never apprehensive that the confederacy could be of so vast an extent, the same notion of hereditary right, has it seems met with a generall reception in the minds, & hearts, of most People upon this large Island, 'twas upon this principle they are so solemnly engaged in a terrible & bloody Warr, & bound themselves wth. their most Sacred Oaths, back't with the most strongest resolutions either to settle Sultan Guilliamot upon the throne, or to perish in the attempt, The two Letters that give a full information in this matter come inclosed, & are translated very exactly from the Originall, they were found in a Dusan Our men got Possession of at Sablat, 'twas upon the first of this information that Sultan Cutcheel desired to come up hither not only to pay his respects to the Dep^y. Govr. but readily [to] acquiesce with whatever We would propose for [. . .] being either here, or at Bentall, We be[. .] has been so judicious as to see the [. . .] over his present establishment in [. . .] facilitate the methods We propo[se . . .] restoration, Since the doing of [. . .] without it is effected, We can [. tranq] uility restored in those par[ts . . .] warr carryed on with the [. . .] hither too attended his [. . .] acquisition to his thro[. . .] as 'tis not in Our p[ower . .] consequently for the [. . .] a full resentment ag[ainst . .] only what We hoped to [. . .] also disturbed in [. . .] consideration [. . .] just [. . .] Affair, & it has had this good effect that the Journall is monthly posted, & the Leidger in a good forwardness they will be closed & ballanced in April next according to the [last] regulation made here.

The Rampart & breast work being now Compleated We have the satisfaction to see Yo^r. Hon^rs. Estate, & Ourselves secured by a very durable & Lasting work, & what is very considerable there will not require any future expensive repairs thereon a few of Our Men slaves can always keep it in order, Our Ditch without will prevent any attempts an Enemy can make to burn Our houses, before this [we were] in continuall apprehensions of their doing it, We have Considered what a great deal of time it must take to procure such a vast quantity of Bricks & Chinam as must necessarily be provided to compleat a Fortification of this great extent and the great Sūm of money will be required to purchase them, having a proof of this kind of Turf work (of which there cannot grow better in any place) We think 'twill be highly to yor. Hon^rs. int'rest to build our Bastions of the same sort, reserving in the gorge a vacancy for a store room. which is much wanted in the Fort, there being not one there at present, this is a Piece of frugality, Our present Paymaster long since proposed, but till this Year We never had a Sufficient number of Chinamen that understood this sort of work, Our Slaves grow expert at it, & we shall presently have no occasion to employ any but them to compleat it, 'tis of the same species of materials with those in Flanders, & will no doubt answer to the same purpose.

As the late commotions in the Country Government has given Us a world of trouble here, & diverted the whole body of Malays in Gen^ll: from their usuall attendance [up]on their Plantations, so it has not only prevented their [bringi]ng in such quantitys of Grain as customary, but [what we are] extreamly sorry for, it has hinder'd their sending [large quan]tity of Pepper now in their Possession to Our scale [we ha]ve presented a request to Capt: Gorden Comman^g. [. . .] from this Board He is resolved to stay no [longer than] the 31st. of Jan^ry., We have remonstrated to him [. . .] of a considerable quantity of

Pepper arriving [. sh]ort time, it has been gathered, & of the ground [. .]le are now Pretty easy & secure for Capt. [. . as]are returned from the Expedition We [. . . .] gives Us a satisfactory acco^t. of affairs in [. . . .] adree or stranger that gave Us the late [. . . .] defeated, his forces dispersed, & he himself [. . ret]reat, that He is no where to be found [. . .] Prisoners We have taken, [wh . .] We are the [more . . ca]use what [We Pro . .] in Our [. . . .] til [. . . .] Breaking a Promise, which providence has been Pleased to put out of Our Power, that is We mean within the exact limitted time, & since the Promise We made with so much seeming a certainty has failed of success, We will never make another for the future, but use Our utmost endeavours and industryously labour for the best, & Leave the Success to the disposer of all things, the late troubles has also hindered us [of] Severall Affairs, ꝑticularly as to a thorough examination into M^r: Garrets exorbitant Charges at Moco Moco, those th[at] has been Committed here, & apparently found to be impositio[ns]. We have debted Him with the extract & Survey of his acc^{ts}. & others of his & M^r. Shyllinges extracts &c^t., also We send as abridgements of their Paymasters Books, those originals being sent home by the Rochester, We have considered y^t. M^r: Garret proving in a great measure insolvent, & still retaining an obstinate temper, will not confess where his Effects are, so that a longer detention of him here will be no furtherance towards the getting them into Our hands.

We have thought it therefore necessary to send him home, but of Our proceeding in this, & indeed of most other Affairs here, We request Your Hon^{rs}. will please to peruse Our Consultations.

We are not yet able to make a judgment of the deficiencys in the storek^{rs}. Acco^t. Remains, thô must needs say, that employ has been We believe very honestly managed, & by the small Proportion of China ware now broke, & the small consumption [of all the] things under the Stewards care, [. . . .] has been more Neglect in not [. . .] from his Predecessor, than any [. . .] Steward M^r. Everest.

We have [. . .] to Charterparty agreement, [. . . .] Conveyance.

We h[ave . . .] yor. hon^{rs}. of which althô[. . . .] Promising appearance [. . . .] upon a Certainty be [. . . .] was in the late Dep [. . . .] transplanted into [. . . .] here, they are grown [. . . .] unobserved except a [. . . .] of late We ha[ve . .] with the [. . . .] Not but make upon so uncommon a sight, was how natural productive the soil is for such a kind of Trees, & what little trouble there is required to raise some Millions of them, when nature ꝑforms so readily the greatest part of the trouble, as We could not let this pass over with only a transient observation, We gathered the Berry's & made Coffee with them, & in the judgment of Us, as well of those that are well acquainted with the growth, taste, size, & quality of Coffee, do believe the world cannot produce better, & that Yo^r. Hon^{rs}. may be confirmed, that this is no Speculative notion, We now send Your Hon^{rs}. by this ship a small quantity for a tryall, had the observation been made Sooner, We might have gathered a greater quantity but We now save all we can, & as fast as the Berry ripens We put them in the Ground, & that is all the trouble, those We have dealt so by already germinate, so that there may be as many 1000 of Trees as desired in a Nursery, they are a very hardy tree, & bear the greatest inclemency of weather, 'tis now with this, as with most things that have layn in obscurity, when exposed to the world to meet with Suddain improvements; there is severall ꝑsons here already, that are for planting this profitable berry, & will venture their fortunes in extending their Plantations on so pleasing & indeed so probible a view of future benefit nor can We think this any detriment to a Plantation that may hereafter be planted for yor. Hon^{rs}. benefit, but on the contrary, shall be able to make a more correct judgment in the management [of o]ur own, & we Presume the quantity if very Great, will [never] be hurtfull to Your Hon^{rs}. interest but much to [the contr]ary.

We have given Capt. John Irving Bills [. . . .] for 200 Doll^{rs}. payable to M^r. James Irving or [. . . .] Bills to M^r. Charles Whitlaw for 150 Doll^{rs}. [. . . .] Sarah Whitlaw, which hope Yo^r. Hon^{rs}. will [. . . .]ing rec^d the like value into Yo^r. Hon^{rs}. Cash.

M . James Rawlins having requested that his Papers [. . .] Garrets; vouchers of the Paymrs. Accots. relating to [. . .] might be sent home for yor. Honrs. Perusall, [. . .] His Request, & now transmit them to Yor. [. . .] He acknowledges that he has signed them [. . .] they are all forged & false being, as he [. . .] repeated threatnings of Messrs. Shylling [. . .] utmost respect & fidelity [. . .] Servants [. . .] [. . .].

No. 75

TO THE HONBLE. THE COURT OF DIRECTRS.
OF THE UNITED COMPA. OF ENGLISH MERCH .
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONBLE. SRS.

1. Before we enter upon this unusual manner of writing to Yor. Honrs. by way of a Private Genll. Lettr. We Presume to give some previous reasons which when perused we believe will be found a sufficient argument for Our so doing, & an undeniable proof of the Integrity We owe to such Honble. employers.

2. When first of all We suspected Messrs. Shyllinge & Garret's dishonnest proceedings in their respective employ's, We were under a Dilemna for some time what measures to take in Order to bring them to Justice, for first of all We could not but observe the Method & Pains Mr. Collet had taken to establish these two aggression in such a Manner, that for Us to take cognisance of abuses & discarding them the service for such a fault, were we confess next to breaking his possitive orders wch. at a Consultation the 10th. July 1716 Verbitim thus Whereas I have some intelligence that there is a new Depty. Govr. appointed from England, I do by vertue of my Superior Authority appoint & order that on the arrival of any such, the present Deputy Govr. be appointed Paymr. & Mr. Henry Garret contiuue Chief of Bentall & that no alteration be made in this my Order without Order from England, of F. St. G. We do acknowledge th[ose] were their Crimes of a less magnitude, & We could by any means have continued them in the Service, without manifest prejudice to yor. Honrs. affairs, We would in respect to such orders have waited for advices from F. St. G. & should have been glad, had it been in Our Power to have Complaisance to Mr. Collets kind intentions towards these two Persons; His orders Left here were strengthned very much by the Extensive Commission granted [Mr. . . .] at the Supravisors leaving this place, the [. . .] to be taken notice of we recite here, I [. . .] Theops. Shyllinge to be Depty. Govr. of and [. . .] United English East India Compa. [. . .] & to Continue in the exercise [of . . .] & till the Contrary shall be [. . .] Seal (& towards the end th[. . .] of the sd. Theops. Shyllinge E[. . .] degree in Council should [. . .] full & Ample a manne[r . . .] unto the said Theophilus [. . .] be known herein, and I [. . .] all Former Commissions [. . .] which is the more surp[rising . . .] here from Batavia of [. . .] the Supravisor in the [. . .] ed & Consider [. . .] & are [no . . .] [that co . . .] [such . . .] Worse Nourishment in the Body than Excessive honours in the minds of Young men; so when imperfections are grown customary & abuses of a Black kind daily Committed we presume Yor. Honrs. will concur in our sentiments, which are, that 'tis highly necessary not only to hinder such from acting, but vigorously to prosecute them as unfaithfull servants.

3. We desire leave to Communicate what we believe the reason of this management.

4. We have diligently perused the former Paymrs . Books for the two Last Years of Mr. Collet's Government where We find expended & laid out in repairs & Buildings, in & about the Fort to the Amount of D. 43847 — Ca. 62 when we are certain there has been nothing new, but a piece of the Bastion. There was indeed Severall Buildings

Contracted for, but since finished in the Present Dep^y. Govr. time we were unwilling to look further back there being 3 of us that subscribes to this Letter that were not arrived here before that time.

5. We would not be thought to accuse our Superiour M^r. Collet as actually guilty of this great crime, and open abuse, but if We may be admitted to deliver our thoughts, We must needs believe a bare permission of such abuses renders a Person Culpable, & when there is a further inspection made into this affair & we Authorized to do so, we shall be Capable of making a better & more Correct Judgement in this matter, however this is to be observed that upon the present Dep^ty. Govr. accession to that station he found the Place in disorder, & upon the brink of ruin; & therefore high time to use proper Remedies to give life again towards a good Constitution, to root out disorders & to set the Government upon a right foot, which we have strenuously laboured in hitherto, but in the midst of our honest industry We were alarmed with a Circumstance of that kind, we believe will scarce meet with Yo^r. Hon^rs. approbation & what would have been extreamly discouragious to Us; were We not solemnly resolved [to] Compleat such a reformation in which their is already made [some] Considerable progress.

6. On the [*lacuna*] arrived with us the George [Brigantine] consigned to this Place but in such a manner [. . .] met with in any of these parts of India; The Capt. [. . .] no orders from this Board but to unlade & [. . .] of her way back to F.S^t. Ge: this discourteous [. . . treat]ment gave us no small uneasiness & had not [. . .] already established, those who were con[. . .]ls would have been Looked upon, with a [. . .] such who had a Share in their ill gotten [. . .] necessarily have given Us some interruption [. . .] this part of Our Duty; We have not found [. .] from this method of treatments from [. . . re]ference to our selves than a few loose [. . .] formerly favoured & tacitly agreed [. . .] abuses; We demanded of the [. . . Shyll]inges Letters & Effects but [. . .] as his orders [. . .] from the [. . .] &c^t: at F. S^t. Ge. for Yo^r. Hon^rs. perusal loaded as it is with Calumnious invectives against this Place, but Particularly the Dep^y. Govr. also inclosed in Our answer to it, We hope Our submissive way of writing will induce them to treat Us next time with more humanity; We were so fortunate as to make a Pretty good Judgement upon this Subject, & accordingly have writ very Large in Our Gen^ll. to Yo^r. Hon^rs. by the Rochester, & Our Consultations are provided with all the vindictive Arguments Wee Presume necessary to justifie our late proceedings; We were informed upon oath that M^r: Shyllinge had endeavoured to misrepresent the transactions of this Place, to the designed Prejudice of Us all, even in things he actually consented and agreed to be necessary.

8. We humbly request yor. Hon^rs. not to think Us tedious because upon what we write now, may not only depend Our future well being here, but also the security of Making this Place advantagious, & we hope not to be blamed for providing against any sinister interpretation may be put upon our Actions, not but that We are well satisfied that though Publick actions may be taken by two handles, some commend others blame them & receive divers names according to the different inclinations of Persons, who pass a Judgment on them yet those that are sufferers in their estates as yor. Hon^rs. are, will certainly Justifie the persons that are putting a stop to such practices & will give an impartial Ear to what is writ, In short we are now writing what nothing but a full resolution of doing our Duty could induce Us to, & in plain terms there is more then a probability that the late Supravisor here [has too often] gave Yo^r: Hon^rs: a meer speculative notion of things & we heartily wish We could agree in the two Common Sentiments th[. . .] of his Integrity which We fear will p[rove the] best Information We have of things [. . .] We come to treat under the res[. . .] generall Letter, only this by the [. . .] & almost a maxime with m[. . .] done manifest wrongs to per[. . .] the Convict of their own Co[. . .] perceive they are consc[. . . j]ustice, so there is no I[. . .] are interested in the [. . .] which are desired to be [. . .] the case between [. . .] Us to this Extraordinary [. . .].

1st: Conc[. . .] Can only form Our designs & consert measures according to the appearance of things, the late revolution of Affairs here in the Country government, has not only obliged us to alter Our Methods, but was near putting it out of

own power of ever acting in any Concern of business upon the whole Coast, for the designs of the Malays & Oran Goonongs; being so formidable that they had nothing less in view than to make Us victims, to their insatiable blood thirsty desire, but timely prevented by the unerring hand of Providence, in a distinguishing manner by bestowing upon Us an entire & Glorious victory over a numerous and potent Enemy, but of this more under its proper head where We design to trace this affair from its very source & origin, which in the sequel will be found to Proceed from a different cause to what your Honrs. could reasonably expect however before We Close this head We cannot but observe how fortunate it was to have the Shipping here, not only to Countenance us but they prov'd very serviceable in the defence of your Honrs. Settlements, which is the sole reason We yet detain the Success & President from proceeding to Madrass, the first as a guard ship to this place, the latter for security of Sillebar Residency & the Company's effects there; We also beg Leave to observe that if his Honr. Collet had deferred his resentment untill he might have received a more impartial accot. of things from hence, & In the interim considered how much it must necessarily have been to Yor. Honrs. advantage, to have laden the George Brigantine Lately sent here with bales, which would have made up the Hesters Loading, or any other ship upon occasion especially they knowing exactly the number of shipping expected here, & if in future Yor. Honrs. please to enjoyn that] Presidency to send a Good Number of Bales by the Ship [which] they annually send to this Coast twould be a[means v]ery often of Dispatching a Ship in less time than [it is re]quired to gett her whole Loading of Pepper, &[. . . .] save what yor. Honrs. so much recommend [. . . .] Demorage expecially when there is likely to [. . . .] shipping the Trouble is only traversing them [. . . .] another We have already requested this [. . . .] F: St. Ge: but at present We have little [. . . .] is or any other from thence.

We are very much blamed for not sending [. . . .] sooner than we did to Madrass, we must [. . . hu]manity induced us to send her to relief of [. . .] Rochester, but [. . .] lives of Two Ships [. . .] about sustinance [. . . i]nevitably perish [. . . .] some request [. . . .] Criminall in doing that which the law of Nature dictated to Us to Perform.

As to Investments of Goods Proper for Europe Touchg. the Trade of Sumatra in Generall & therein are Transactions wth. the Country Government.

10. We have so Particularly mentioned all Transactions of the Country Government in our Consultations especially as to the late revolution of affairs, that we hope when they come under Your Honr. Perusal they will appear to be a satisfactory acco t. of things.

11. Sultan Cutcheel was establish'd upon the Throne a Small time before Our Present Depy. Govrs. arrivall here, & by the information from thence to the entire satisfaction of the People in those parts, the former Sultan retiring to the Confines of Corinthia, as a place of the greatest security from any injuries he was apprehensive might be designed against him by his rebellious Subjects, as he calls those that are adherent to Cutcheel, he therefore kept a Constant Correspondence with those of his subjects who still retain their allegiance towards him. He has spared no pains to incense all the neighbouring Raja's against the English, accusing Us of breach of Faith, assuring them at the same time, that the General defect & Coruption amongst his subjects proceeded all together from the ill advice & instigation of the English Urging he very well knew the natural propensity of Duty his people had to their natural Prince, & how a[verse they are] in their own hearts to pay any respect [. . . .] plainly appears he can when he Plea[ses . . .]ion to business for he has by remon[strance] abroad, engaged not only those h[. . . .] several Sultans, Pangarans, & [. . . .] whole Coast into his interest [. . . .] Cause, by restablishing him [. . . .]. Attempt The suddenness [. . . .] permitt Us to be so Comp[. . .] reqr. Yor. Honrs: inspection [. . .] to Janry. where are also [. . .] affair, and the Methods [. . .] out of these dangerous [. . .] Providence of God [. . . .]

12. A [. . .] Your Hon^rs^. [. . . .] Is plain that Sultan Guilliamot was Terrifyed & Frightned out of his Throne, & that Saltan Cutcheel, has been very generous to those instrumental in bringing him in as appears by the Quantity of Gold we know has come from thence, we expect a full information in this, when the Supravisor there M^r^. Morris has leisure to examine into Circumstances, wch. We will faithfully transmit to Yo^r^. Hon^rs^., in the interim if We find there is no possibility of maintening the Publick Peace & tranquility & in that the Preservation of the Pepper trade; We have resolved to readmit Sultan Guilliamot to the administration of affairs in his own kingdom, especially since Raja Cutcheel is not only well contented, with an entire resignation of what he possesseth, but rest very well satisfied with any manner of Means We think most Convenient for him, & thô it may be necessity obliges him to this, Yet since it is a thing so materially essential, towards putting an end to theese Troubles We cannot well do otherwise than support him in some Grandeur, & allow him a small stipend for the maintenance of himself & Family, so long as he behaves himself quietly & peaceably under our Protection.

These are our resolves when things cometo the Last Extremity; or when We find Sultan Guilliamot has power to make his way good to the Throne, whether We will or no, for then We judge it better to approve his taking possession then to strive against impossibility, the first will oblidge him to acknowledge the Company his Friends, but the Latter will induce him allways to retain a notion that We are a perfidious People, & Consequently all the Powerfull [M]en in his Interest will be of the same mind, as they are [like] to be influenced by him.

Touching Fortifications Buildings & Revenues.

[13]. We having already detected the severall [and the lat]est wrongs done Yo^r^. Hon^rs^. by impositions under [. . .] stop to the long accustomed but exorbitant [. . . .] for materials for Buildings, such as [. . . . .] wth. as much more due upon Ballance [. . .] few M^os^. which was in [*lacuna*] last, as [. .] Paymas^rs^. Book when scarce anything [. . .] bear the denomination of a Building [. . .]t 2000 Doll^rs^. at a time honestly laid out [. . .] of work.

[14.] [. . .] the Fort Paggar has [. . .] great deal charged [. . .] being upon the [. . .]ore have built [. . .] it Enemy, There will be no pretence of charge for repairing this work, except the Labour now & then of a few slaves to keep it in order & fill up such vacancys with Fresh Turf as the water in time may wear away, we were obliged to Make the utmost Expedition because We found Ourselves upon the late attack, altogether defenceless, & entirely reply upon the Bravery of our men; By the assistance of a good Number of China Men, who proved very expert at this kind of Work, & the Malay Cooly's, we have Compleated this peice of work in two M^os^. which We hope will Last many Years; & we find the Expence of Bricks & Chinam to be so very great, that we resolve What is made of that kind be applied to the Buildings good & strong Godowns, which will be proof against accidents by Fire, & not so perishable as We find the wooden ones are, & to Build our Bastions of Turf there being none we believe can exell that which grows round about Us & Cost nothing; In this work We shall be carefull to mix our lustiest men slaves amongst the China Men who must needs after a Little experience work it up as well as they.

15. There has been as appears by the present Paymas^rs^. Book all the frugality Posibly used in expence of every kind, & we dare say He will continue to see the Money he his intrusted with honestly laid out; we send the Sassifras Wood the only serviceable kind & there is now no other sort used.

Touching Factors Writers Officers & their Acco^ts^.

Since from the [. . .] here We cannot expect any [. . .] our Actions from the Pres [. . .] ever so honestly designed [. . .]tend very much to Yo^r^: H [. . .] to express the Severall [. . .] regulating affairs here [. . .] Shyllinge, & Garret, [. . .] exaggerating any th[ing . . . .] first of these upon his [. . .] Crimes made an [. . .] F: S^t^. George & the [. . .] Considered first, [th . . .] the Goods

or [. . . .] Into Our Possession in Order to make your Honrs. an equivolent restitution for what he had wrongfully acquired but rather have hindered; & Lastly by sending home there would be the known Laws of the Land to justifie Our Proceedings in the recovery of part of your Honrs. estate; & for him also to apply to, if he thinks himself any way injured althô indeed the thing Is so plain & apparent the wrong wch. he had done which is under his own hand as entered in Our Consultation of the (*lacuna*).

16. The Latter Person Mr. Garret desired also to go to Madrass, but is more surprizing claimed the [benefit] of the late Supravisor's order, which indeed the Consultation of July the 10th. before mentioned does specifie that there shall no alteration be made here without orders from England or F: St. George.

But We think our selves under no obligations to conform thereto, & hope Yor honrs. will Please to make the same Judgment of a thing that seems contriv'd to embolden two Villains to a practice of their Rogueries We Presume to express Ourselves plain in this, Least this Action of detaining him here thus long may be represented in a false light, He proves at present almost insolvent Debtor the most of what We have of his Effects is Dollrs. (*lacuna*) which Luckily fell into the Depty. Govr. hands & is pd. by him into yor. honrs. Cash, He persists in being obstinate & pleads poverty, when by a lettr. of his intercepted, We find a Chest of Treasure sent from Bentall ꝑ the King William to F: St. Ge to be paid the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr: to whom also, is to be observed are payable all the Bills of Exchange We have belonging to Mr: Shyllinge, but the mony is not mentioned to be pd. in here by Mr: Shyllinge but under the [desig]nated names of Nicolo, Irving & Guillim.

Thus have We gone thrô the necessary [particulari]ty, & thô the Generality of People may think, & We [are here] somewhat apprehensive that the Presidency of [. . . ha]ve other sentiments of things then perhaps to put [. . . construc]tion upon our Actions; Yet we doubt not Yor: Honr: [. . . .] with the regulations lately made here, & the fruga[lity no]ticed in every kind The former Steward Mr. Ross[was very ext]ravagant in every part of that Employ, his monthly [accounts were gen]erally 1700 & sometimes 2000 Dollrs. besides[. . .] of Dieting Stores taken up of the Storekeeprs. [. . .] less than half that sum; We suppose the late [. . .] China Ware & other Uttensils might proceed [. . .] easily be broke in their junketting in those [. . .] proportion less used now, & this [un . . . fr] audulency in the prese[nt . . .] most respect [. . .].

[Fort Marlbrô]
[. . .]

[Richard Farmer].

No. 76.

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ct. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. &ct.

Our Last to yor. Honr. &ct. was dated the 30th. of May since which we have recd. Yours of the 7th. June on the 6th. Inst. arrivd. the Brittannia wth: wares & stores from your Honr. &ct. which came very Timely to supply Our Necessitys, according to yor. Order Mr. Blunt has taken his Place as Third of Council at our Board & is appointed Storekeepr. and Secry.

We have recd. the box of Stationary Ware agreeable to the list that accompanys it & according to your Order our Genll. Books shall be sent by the first opportunity We are

Vizagapatam
July the 8th. 1718.

Honble. Sr. &ct.
Yor. most obedient humble Servants
Robert Symonds.
Cornelius Moll.
John Blunt.

No. 77.

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

1. Our Last that We [. . .] in, to Yor. Honr. &ct. was the 14 Inst. [. . .] a good Opportunity by Vizagapatam [. . .] it, & inclosed comes a list of the [. . .] belonging to the deceased Mr. [. . .] things he has, are household [. . .] a Boat, accot. of wch. Particul[. . .] Possible, in Order to be [. . .] wth what there may be [. . .].

2. We [. . .] Comboys Handkerchief [. . .] the Decd. has provyed [. . .] Ships ; when they arr[ive . . .] Proffit by disposing [. . .] thinks it Cop[. . .] of the [. . .].

[*Paragraph* 3 *lost*].

4. Looking over some of Mr. Philip Noden's Papers, We found an accot. Currt. wch. makes appear, that he stands indebted to a weaver, Named Cussanoor serwa[r]
fas. ca.
Pags. 51. 4. $2\frac{5}{6}$ but its without the Date of the Year, what Accots. of his We have perused, are in a sad confus'd Condition, & We believe past putting in a regular form.

5. Dubash Ilue Braminy & Mullah return Yor. Honr. &ct. their most Humble thanks for Yor. kind presents, it was Our oversight that it was omitted, being returned in Ours of the 14th. Inst. the omission of wch. we hope will be Pardonned.

6. We have recd. the half Rheam of Paper, & Quills, that Yor. Honr. &ct. sent by Our Last Peons.

7. Mullah Reddee a Rajah about 6 Gentue Leagues distant from Golcondah, He refusing to Comply in paying His rent, that is become due to Mauberize Cawn, on which the Latter has now laid close seige against Him.

8. Here are some remaings. Toys &ct. Goods belonging to Our Right Honble. Masters that was in Mr. Nodens Custody long ago & lately Come to our knowledge, an exact accot. of the same shall be sent up to yo . Honr. &ct. by the Next opportunity we beg leave to subscribe with all due Respect.

Honble. Sr. &ct.
Yor. most Obedt. Humble. Servants

[METCHLEPATAM.]
[JULY THE 17TH. 1718]

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 78

[TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH] COLLET ESQR.
PRESТ. & GOVR. OF FTS. ST. GEORGE & [ST. DAVID].

[HONBLE. SR. &CA.]

[. . . Ramah wth.] Others unservicable We have been Obliged to sell of 4 of these last, not worth keeping, & to buy others, at very cheap rates, for the needfull service.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 6TH. OF AUGUST 1718.

We most Respectfully subscribe
Honble. Sr. &ct.
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROBT. BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
ROBT. BROOKE.

N°. 79

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PREST. & GOVR. OF FORTS ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID
&CT. COUNCIL.

Honble. Sr. &ct.

This comes by Sloop Ramah wth. 11½ Baggs of Horse Gram, amountg. to Pags. 189 22 [. . .] Invoice, wth. Bill of Loading inclosed.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 7TH. OF AUGUST 1718.

We most Respec[tfully subscribe]
Honble. Sr. &ct.
Your most Obedient Humble servants

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATHEW WELD.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
ROBERT BROOKE.

N°. 80

TO THE HONBLE. [JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.]
PREST. & [GOVR. OF FORTS ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID
&CT. COUNCIL.]

Honble. Sr. &ca.

[. . .] Notwithstanding Mauberize Cawne has given Coja Gee, Rajah Subbanas Country that was; nevertheless the Latter gives a great deal of trouble, & hinders the People plowing the Ground, the Consequence of which, We cannot Judge how it will end.

Rajah Opperow pays the Nabob 2,000 Rupees more then formerly for the Rent of Dieu Island by which We suppose he thinks it will in some Measure hinder our obtaining Possession of said Island

On the 26th. Inst. arrived here a Dutch ship directly from Negapatam, there is some Batavia Arrack aboard for sale, but they ask 32 Pags. ℔ Leaguer, which We think dear; it is thought, & reported that the Dutch will withdraw Polcull, on accot. of Rajah Ramrauz's Continuing giving them trouble.

The 26th. Inst. at night one of our Topass Soldiers entered here deserted, & immediatly We sent Peons in persuit of him, but they are returned Back without getting any intelligence.

Inclosed We send a note which is concerning Mr. Nodens slaves, as likewise a list of the deceased effects; We now send Yor. Honr.

Our Letter of the 14th. of May mentions our confining Mr. Nodens Dubashs & Slaves, till yor. Honr. further Pleasure was known, & as it being some time ago, & no answer come, they desired that we would intersced for to get them released.

The Nabob still continues in wars agst. Rajah Mullah Reddee.

We have found the Accot. depending between Mr. Noden, & the Weaver, as formerly mentioned [& we] now send Yor. Honr. a true Coppy as wrote by him [which] Our Braminy attests to be the last, yor. honr. will [see] that there's no date of the year put to said accot. [which is o]mitted the same in most of all his accots. [. . .] desires & beg's of Yo . Honr. to give orders [. . .] ent of wt. is due to him.

We have through providence had sever[ll]. [and very g]ood showers of Rain; which encourages [most of the people] to till the Ground withall possible [speed but there is] a great want of Cattle for Plowing [we] subscribe withall due Respects.

[METCHLEPATAM]
[JULY THE 30TH. 1718.]

[Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[t].]
Your most Obed[t]. Hum̃ : Serv[ts].

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

N°. 81.

BOMBAY CASTLE
JUNE 12TH. 1718.

TO THE HON[BLE]. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOV[R]. OF, & FOR ALL AFFAIRS OF THE ENGLISH
NATION ON THE COAST OF CORMANDELL &C[A]. COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[T].

Our Last to yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. was under the 25th. of Aprill by the Shawallum, Duplicate whereof we transmitted you by the Charles, which We hope is come to yo[r]. hands.

On the 5th. Instant, imported here the Desbouverie, Cap[t]. Thomas Wootton Commander having lost her Passage to Gombroon, she met with the Heathcote Cap[t]. Folson in the Lattitude of 5 S°. the 17th. of Aprill, who advised him that He sailed in Company with the Derby; from the Downs for yo[r]. Port & the Bay, & the Cardonnell for Mocho, to which Places God send them in Safety, Cap[t]. Wootton also from her gives Us the news of 3 ships being designed out early for Bombay, so that We expect to see them in September. A Confirmation of this news from yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[t]. with what else you have rec[d]. would be very acceptable.

Caunojee Angria continuing his Insults against Us, notwithstanding the Gov[rs]. repeated instances to bring him to reason, obliged Us entirely to break with him Our Galevats manned with sepoys have been in his Country Severall Times with Success; Plundered & Des[troyed] Towns & Cattle, & brought away some [Prisoners but the last] Time by ill Conduct of the Command [ing Officer] however our People are so far [lost fifty eight of their men] they are desirous of making [. . .] And if our Hon[ble]. Masters Suc[ceeds...] soldiers this season We [. . .] But to Curb his Insolences [. . .] the Repture.

There [. . .] Armenians, That the [. . .] to Muscat, but We [. . .] since the Duke of [. . .] permitting any ad[. . .] hear any thing the [. . .] We cannot doubt [. . .] -yance This is wh[. . .]

Hon[ble]. [S[r]. &CA.]
Yo[r]. most affectionate Fr[ds]. & humble Servants

[CHARLES BOONE].
[LAURENCE PARKER].
[STEP[N]. STRUTT].
[JOHN CLAPHAM].
[JOHN BRADDYLL].
[WALTER BROWN].

N°. 82.

TO THE HON[BLE]. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ[R].
PRES[T]. & GOV[R]. OF FORTS S[T]. GEORGE &
S[T]. DAVID &C[T]. COUNCIL.

HON[BLE]. S[R] &C[T].

By the Derby that arrived here the 14th. We rec[d]. Yo[r]. favour of the 8th. instant with 10,000 Pag[s]. & M[r]. Emmerson's of the same date Overland brô. Us Invoice & bills of Loading for the Wares, Stores &c[t]. Loaden upon her, which in 4 or 5 days

more will be delivered, & then we shall proceede to send off her Bales in Order to return her to Yo^r^. Port which We believe will be near the end of this month, unless the Rains are a hinderance as they have been to the drying of Our Cloth.

Our Secretary M^r^. Henry Davy writes this with whom came Ralph Mansell, & William Martin, & they shall be stationed as We find them qualified.

Inclos'd comes Our Merch^ts^. Acco^ts^. Curr^t^. for Last M^os^. & We most respectfully subscribe.

Honble. S^r^. &c^r^.
Yo^r^. Most Obed^t^. Hum̃.
Servants

FORT S^T^. DAVID
[19TH. AUGUST] 1718.

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROB^T^. BERRIMAN.
THOM^S^. WRIGHT.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
ROB^T^. BROOKE.

[*P.S.*]
[. . . Bales . .].

[N°. 83.]

[TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH] COLLET ESQ^R^.
[PRES^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^.] GEORGE &C^T^. COUNCIL.

[HON^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.]

Our Last that We paid Our Respect [. . .] Ultimo, & this serves [. . .] along with our [. . . H]on^r^. &c^t^. will [. . .] Rupees [. . .] pay on[. . .] Not meet with some difficulty, before We can get it, but We hope there will be no occasion.

2. Provisions continuing so extreamly scarce, & dear, that our Military make heavy Complaints to us, that it's impossible for them to subsist upon the Honble. Govr. &c^t^. generous allowance of Batty, & Rice, therefore they are very desirous of having their Pay, what they are in Arrears, which is three M^os^. but as Our Cash was not sufficient it was not in Our power to gratifie the Millitarys request, excepting We should have put Our R^t^. Honble. Masters to Greater Charges then usuall, which we was and are unwilling to do excepting necessity drives than its unavoidable.

3. We are suspicious that when the happy day is appointed, for Us to remove from this Place in order to joyn his Worship Horden by Sea or Land, Coja Gee will in all Likelyhood oppose us, & give a great deal of trouble in expectation of geting a handsome present, so that in case he should, We desire your Hon^r^. &c^t^. will be pleased to give Us, full orders how We shall behave Our Selves.

4. Two Peons Dispatched from Negapatam which arrived here the 11th. Instant, & touching at Fort S^t^. George, they bring the unwellcome news of Sieb Abdulah Cawns, sending Diaram with 4,000 Horses of Morattas; in order to retake those Vilages granted the R^t^. Honble. Company by the Mogull, & the same is openly Published by the Dutch Serv^ts^. here, but as We not hearing of any such thing from yor. Hon^r^. &c^t^. gives Us great hopes that the informations are not True.

5. Enclosed We send [. . .] Factory charges for May and June [. . .] Pag^s^. 16 Fan. as by Particulars re[cd . .] Verauze.

6. We having [. . .] Rain fallen in those parts [. . .] expect the freshes coming [. . .].

7. The [. . . .] so strong, & the Dam [. . . .] -sions daily some of [. . . .] violent Colds Feaver [. . . .] theres the Ensign & [. . . .] for Us to advise, [We beg leave to remain with our] due Respects.

HON[^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.]
[YO^{R}. MOST OBED^{T}. HUM.]
[SERVT^{S}.]

METCHLEPATAM
AUGST: Y^{E}. 12TH. 1718.

[WILLIAM HARRIS.]
[JOHN SANDERSON.]

[N°: 84]

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^{R}.
PRES^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
&C^{T}. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. [S^{R}. &C^{T}.]

This serves expressly to acquaint Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. that Ensign Pedrill after having had an intermiting Feaver for four days departed this Life about 4 a Clock in the afternoon; The Chief Command as usall under Us, is given to the head Serjant, but We must beg Leave to Say, We do not think him a Proper person to undertake it, thó it shall Remain so till a further Order from Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. with watchfull Eyes from Us, We beg Leave to Remain with Our utmost Respects.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.
Yo . Most Obed^{t}. Hum:
Serv^{ts}.

METCHLEPATAM FACTORY
AUGUST THE 13TH. 1718.

WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

[N°. 85.]

TO THE WORSP^{LL}. THOMAS FREDERICK ESQ^{R}.
MESS^{RS}. WILL^{M}. JENNINGS JOHN LEGG & NATH^{LL}. TURNER.

GENTLEMEN

I hope the Necessity of My affairs with [whom] Justice will plead excuse, for the present trouble I [am in too ;] & as the unfortunate are truely objects of [pity I hum]bly beg Yo^{r}. goodness, so far to extend itself [such] as to inspect the following acco^{t}. wth. a favourable [. . . .] so particular as I would, under any one head. [. . . . a]cquainted, with what charge is laid against [... shall] Proceed to give You an acco^{t}. of the Transactions [. . . . in] I have been concerned : to the utmost of [my ability & exactly] according to truth, and as I can [. . .] it the last words I were to speake.

[was] I convicted of wronging Honble. [Comp^{y}. I would con]tentedly wait My sentence with submission [. . . .] cannot accuse my self, with having been [. . . .] them Justice ; which I think [. . . .] to do it's hard to [. . . .] seeking for [. . . . wh]at I believe [. . .] to Private [. . . .] I was entertained in the Honble. Company's Service by Govr. Harrison, and came hither on the ship Dolben, since which time, I have constantly made it my business to promote My masters Interest & endeavoured to the Utmost of my Ability faithfully to discharge every concern committed to my Care ; with Care, & Dilligence, hoping thereby, to recommend My self, to some farther encouragement in their Service, but always found I was kept backward aud discouraged ; but for what reason, I know

not, without it was thrô, the Insinuations of Capt. Orrill; whom tho He carryed it fair to my face, believe not to have been My friend, it would be too tedious to desend to the Particulars of My discouragement, at that time or my Endeavours to gain the favour of Our Govr. which was impossible, for I always found him Prepossesed, with something to my Prejudice which I was ever unacquainted with, nor cannot to this moment with the nicest examination of My conduct; find out, thô doubt not if Occasion requires to clear my Reputation, to the Satisfaction of all impartial Judges, against any asspertion, may be laid to My Charge.

I continued at bantall till Govr. Collet was ready to Leave the Coast, at which time had liberty to come up hither, & was appointed Pepper godownkeep^r^., an imploy of no manner of advantage; but a great deal of Hazard in which continued, thô eldest Factor in the Place; till the Present Supravizor's Arrivall. I hope Gentlemen, You'll excuse my speake [. . .] so far as to say, that I discharg[ed my work with] much care and Diligence, [. . .] greatest disadvantages [. . .] having layn open, whereby [. . .] spoyled, or at least a goo[. . .] I gained almost 15 Bat[. . .] the former Gentleman [. . .] lost, some six, som[. . .] Instance, will Plea[se . . .] former Conduct, w[. . .] was governed by [. . .]—bent on [me . . .] my [. . .] Was certainly led away by Garret; & His Reasons debauched with the hopes of getting a Plentifull fortune in a small Time, & Leaving the coast, before the Comp^a^. would come to the knowledge thereof, for they imediatly Joyned Interest, and notwithstanding Govr. Collet's Orders to carry on the Buildings, (as was writt ℘ Ship Borneo to England) He made use of all the materialls & Imployed all the Comp^as^. workmen, & slaves, about their Joynt House, callet the Hermitage & afterwards charged them to the Fort, thô there was nothing done, towards the Company's Work, His whole Time of all which, there was nobody dare take notice, if they were willing, on acco^t^. the following Instance, One M^r^. Aylmer a Factor, who was appointed Paymas^rs^. Assistant, & to look after the Cooleys; Complaining that in the Quasso Month, when He mustered sometimes 25 sometimes 30, & at most 40 a day, at work there was charged 150; He met not with the Least Encouragement, but was severely checqed by s^d^. Shyllinge & Garret, & threatned to be sent to Bentall; the Common Place of Execution for this Coast, whither in a Little Time he went; thrô their Means; & the Last news I heard of Him, was that He was in a dying condition, past recovery; & all for Inocently desiring, to do the Comp^y^. Justice, by which Gentlemen You may see, how dangerous it was, for any body to Interpose, in those Times.

Things continued going on in this [manner] till the News arrived of M^r^. Farmers being [appointed] Deputy Govr. by the Honble. Comp^y^. wch. struck [completely at] the root of Shillinge's Ambition, that there [was a ma]licious story or contrivance Left unsaid, or [said concer]ning Him, & the Common discourse was [. . .] stoping him in Madrass, that Shy[lling would] continue here, in said station, & M^r^. [. . .] Knowing I had the Hon^r^. to be acquainted [. . .] asked me what sort of a man He [was and I said] He was a very worthy, Honest Gen[tleman . . .] expresst, a slight of, & said they [. . .] a weak man; & should easily, [. . .]. [. . .] this posture [. . .]ade great [. . .] to find [. . .] Might see their Error, Yet they made no other return but by raising Caballs, with their friends at the Hermitage & Contriving how to manage matters; according to their minds, at Consultation, by a Majority of Votes, which they always had, & always Conserted their Measures, before hand, when there was to be any such thing, as there's Persons here both ready, & willing to take their Oaths of, if required as Likewise their acting abundance of Villanies & defrauds & useing all their art in endeavouring to Persuade Govr. Farmer to give way to any thing might Look extravagant or would admitt of a sinister Interpretation that they might have an opportunity of writing against Him to Yo^r^. Place, which they did & laid every thing of their Villanous Transactions at His door as ℘ Oath of the Person who writt those Lett^rs^. for M^r^. Shyllinge, the true Curr^t^. as they were Pleased to call it run at such a rate at this time by their Caballs and Contrivances, as I really believed at last would break out into some open extravagance and force, & I was Informed by a Gentleman afterwards, who pretended to be a Friend to the Govr. thô at that Time, very great with them that they Informed Him, they had laid a design, of raising

Comotions in the Country which Garret was to do at Bantall & Shyllinge at Cattown by setting the People in a Rebellion, that they might have a Plausible Excuse, for some Villany they designed against the [. . .] but he refusing to be concerned, the [. . .] only to sitt still, & not act an[y . . .] & they did not doubt to Effect [. . .] if it should be necessary at [. . .] of, & inform who the Pers[. . .] things I saw without eve[. . .] need say, My respect [. . .] the consequence, & [. . .] To see what method [. . .]rity, at Length He [. . .] to Bantall & Sh[e . . .] Course, a Little [T . . .] an acco^t^. the be [. . .] co[. . .] [. . .] Out Great abuses, severall of which He turned to and ordered me to sit down, and make minitts of them that there maight [*sic*] be a survey made of the severall Places where such expences were Charged, which I accordingly did, & there followed a survey, by the Govr. & Council with Shyllinges suspention, & the severall affadavits made against him, before my being concerned in any respect otherwise, then by taking out those Minitts by the Gov^rs^. orders which Gentlemen, I submitt to Yo^r^. sensure whether I was to blame in, by obeying My Govr. (being at that Time no more then Factor) or whether it would have becomed me to have denied doing them ; Nevertheless all the spite & Malice is leveld at my head as the Author of all, & I am ordered to Bantall, out of that Pious design, that I may be put out of the world without any Noise, or the knowledge of my Friends, they knowing it impossible I should Live there, having already wholly destroyed my health & broke my Constitution by serving My Honble. Masters at said Place already for the space of Two years, in the sev^ll^. Quality's of Chief Council, Sec^ry^. Pepper godownkeep^r^. Storekeep^r^. Steward, Paymast^rs^. Assistant, & the Command of their Forces, in the Warrs against Mansore, & Sillaman, at Battee Pootee, where I had the happyness to do them some [ser]vice, thô had my self the misfortune to Contract [such a] sickness as I am afraid shall never get rid [of]. Gentlemen, I beg for God sake You'd [again] consider me in this Particular, & repeall that [. . .] continually lyable to suffer under the exe[. . .] & the only hindrance at present is my [. . .] which I brô from thence, since the Supr [. . .] & I humbly beg If I am not allowed [. . . Honble.] Comp^y^. here with Safety, Peace, & [. . . h]ave the Liberty, of retiring to some [. . . place in In]dia, having served My contracted [. . .] which Request I most humbly [. . .] compulsion & shall be ex [. . .].

[. . .] M^r^. Shyllinge [. . .] remains [. . .] fill up the Vacancy by M^r^. Shyllinge's Dismission, I beg Gentlemen You'll Pardon the digression when I observe the Partiallity of a certain Gentleman (in the following Particular) I am ordered from the Board because the Secretary was formerly appointed Youngest of Council, and to hold His said imploy, now Kington is continued who was made since said Order, as well as my Self, & Introduced after the same Manner, by His refusall, & of whom the Sec^ry^. in Justice ought to have taken Place Likewise what reason can be given for such Injustice, but that I am the Person to suffer (right or wrong) for being assistant to Govr. Farmer, & obeying His orders in doing the Comp^y^. Justice.

After this we proceeded to make an end of the survey which was done by all the Council with utmost care & exactness possible but as the Major Part had been gone thorough before there remained but Little to be done, being the Fort Paggar & Timber shedd, But M^r^. Ellill being made Paymast^r^. requested the Council might be at the Over Hauling the remains on the spott, which was accordingly complied with, & the Two Master Carpenters, One a ship wright & the other a House Carpenter, appointed to examine every Timber & cut it to see if it was good & fitt for the Comp^a^. use, & according to their report, either took it in or turned it out which I hope will be approved [. . .] method could be taken, for We were [. . .] Timber Gentlemen I beg Leave, to [. . .] Method taken, & no other, a [. . .] Our Oaths if Necessary, & [. . .] of no Private Orders given [. . .]—ally or to be servere neith[. . .] Objection from the Ge[. . .] all there, the whole ti[me . . .] ever methods may [. . .] those Persons to [. . .] about to do which [. . .] Timbers that were [. . .] for Cockrum the [. . .] Sam[. . .] To Prevail with

him) has been Promised incouragement if He would; & threatned with dreadfull things as going to Bantall ruin &c^t. if He would not recant from the Oath He took against Shyllinge.

M^r. Shyllinge after this being so troublesome to Govr. Farmer to strain a point in his behalf as he Called it, continually the hindrance of Business & aiming at his former method of making a great many Friends, was confin'd to His Lodging in the Fort, & on the Rochester dispatch ordered on Board for England, to be Delivered up to the Honble. Company, which if a fault most Humbly beg Pardon, & Hope if there is any excuse it may reach to my self, for I was but just made one of Council & of Course not so well experienced in the Hon^e. Comp^a. affairs, & take the Liberty to assure you, was wholly Ignorant of that order, to the Contrary, besides Govr. Farmer Producing His Contract with the Company wherein its specify'd all Persons so offending shall be sent to them in great Brittain which I thought authentick enough, & so never scrupled It any further, I humbly submit myself Gentlemen to Yo^r. Determination, & shall contentedly suffer whatever You are Pleased, to think I deserve, for my share of that mismanagement, but dread the Partiallity of some persons who will take all Opportunitys to Oppress Me, & let other persons more deserving of it, go free I Likewise thought His debt pretty sure to the Comp^a. His Effects lying in so good hands as the Honble. President; who was His attorney, & there being considerable Sums returned to Madrass by Bills of Exchange [ready mon] ny &c^t.

A Short Time after the dispatch of the [. . .] M^r. Garret was sent for up from Bantall to [hand over his] Charge, which He did by Evasions, and so [. . .] (and his defrauds so) Apparent to [. . .] He was dismissed the Hon^e. Comp^as. Service [and confined] to a room in the Fort in order, to be sent [. . .].

Having proceeded thus far as succ[. . .] my knowledge or memory will give [. . .] obliged to go back to the Time of Govr. [. . .] to give You an acco^t. of an affair [. . .] since had Like to [. . .] the Hon^e. Comp [. . .] from Bant [all . . .] up [. . .] Them, as they had been Concerned in a way of Trade together, but took notice of their being at this time, extreamly Close, & continually Whispering together, which made me think, something was in hand, which time must discover, & which came out as I expected, for Presently after Govr. Collet's departure, heard Sultan Guillamott had run away; & Left His country for no body knows what, by which reason the throne was declared vacant, and Cutcheel Choose Sultan, this Sudden strange alteration brought to my remembrance, what I had formerly taken Notice of, which made me think all was not right at Bottom; Guillamot having had His whole dependance on the Comp^a. from a Child & they having spent considerable Sums of Mony, & a great many of their Servants Lives, for sev^ll. Year's together to defend His right, & Title to the Crown against other Pretenders; Those Gentlemen then concerned must excuse me, if I thought it a Little strange, that such a Prince, should Leave His Country & Grow Jealous of the Comp^a. on whom he wholly depended, without some Reason, and an other Person to be raised to the throne, without right or Title was as strange, its true, He was a very Yong Man, & given to extravagance of Gaming & Women, but then I think He made sufficient [. . .] leaving His Chop wh[. . .] in the Factory for the Chi[ef . . .] with, & it was His fault [. . .] Country Government as [. . .] seldem or never conce[. . .] ued to Govern the Co[untry . . .] Peace, & quitness, d [. . .] making Friends & [. . .] appeared in the [. . .] Circular Lett^r: the [. . .] Dusan up Catto [. . .] have [. . .] Not as some Persons now Insinuate to the Govr. Farmers fault on acco^t. the Salt Trade which shall speak of more here after). This storm broke out First by Guillamott Marching thorough the country with a small Force & claiming it as His own, till He came to Cattown where Joyned Rajah Quassa who was in Arms on His acco^t., Capt. Jeddree followed Him from Bantall & reduced sev^ll: Dusans which had declared for Him, & M^r. Newcombe was sent down from hence to Cattown with a Party against them, Likewise, which force made Quassa retire up into the Country & Guillamot to Sublatt River but in the mean time, We

had work cut out for Us nearer Home, by one Padre Panayma, who came down out of the Country, with a Party of about 400 Men & was Joyned by Rajah Cutcheel, Jangatto's son with about 80 Men More, the Padré Pretended to come to Trade, & brought but few Men at first with Him, which made the Govr. believe His pretentions might be reall, but greater Numbers continually Joyning Him, & the Pangarans Jealousies allarming Us desired Him to come to the Fort with only a few of His attendants, to Bechar wch. at First, He pretended He could not, for His People would follow Him, & He came into the Coffry Paggar the same Afternoon withall His gang, and Rajah Cutcheels, with Intentions as was thought to attack the Fort but believe [was a]fraid to make so bold an Attempt, (thô) He might [have obta]ined the Settlement with a great deal of ease [as there] was nothing, but an old rotton Paggar to keep [them from] burning the Buildings which are all of [. . . .]ttopt, (which is the same as Cadgejans [. . . .] the Leave lying stright) that there was [...] then throw a fire stick or Bunker on [. . . .] & the work was done; & the Paggar [. . foot] from the Buildings, but it pleased [. . . .] harm done, for He still Pretended [. . . .] & retired to Bencoolen with a [. . . .] Capt.) Irving would be Hostage among [. . . .] Fort, the next day of [. . . .] of being so good [. . . .] at Bencoo[len . . . .].

The Late danger the Place had been in or might again from the sudden surprise of a resolute Enemy made Govr. Farmer think it highly necessary to put it in a bettter posture of Defence which talking to M^{r}. Ellill our then Paymaster about, He proposed a work of Turff, about 5 or 6 foot high & 8 foot Broad with a small Parapet on the Top, to be the most Defenceable, and soonest done, which Opinion of His was complyed with, as He having been sent Ingineer from You, & We thought knew more of the matter, then any of Us, & I'll assure you there was no other design, or intention therein, but for defence, & Preservation of the Place, & if the work was not good it's Ellill's fault alone, who would not suffer any body to interfer therein, or in the least concern themselves & I can safely take my Oath, the Intention of the work was good, however represented by ill designing Persons.

During this Encounter near Home the affairs to the Northward had but a Dismall asspect (for after the Padre was drove away, Pangaran Munko Rajah) as the Govr. informed Me) came to see Him & fell into discourse about the occasion of the Present troubles, & told Him, Sultan Guillamot as well as Himself had great Injustice done Him, for there had been a Lett^{r}. writt as from Him, in His name advising Guillamot to fly for His Life, or else the [. . . .] cut of his Head, which was all [. . . .] out of His Country, & that it [. . . .] country round against the [. . . .] restore Peace, was to rein[force...] Govr. Discoursing the rest [. . . .] that Subject, & they repo[. . . .] most adviseable to try [. . . .] way, wherefore New [. . . .]tion of Arms, with [. . . .] to save the Pepper [. . . .] I know not whether [. . . .] what, but it came [. . . .] first [. . . .] Hears of Capt. Jeddrees Marching out from Bentall with the strength of that Place, but He imediately brings a force into the Heart of the Country in the Neighbourhood of that Place proclaims Himself Sultan, & Burns the Buzarr this Action with the sessation to the southward obliged the Chief to recall Capt: Jeddree with His Party for security of that Place, & to send advices Hither of the Posture of their Affairs.

The bad State of Affairs to the Northward very much allarmed the Govr. & every Body else concerned in the Management of affairs, & confirmed the Opinion of its being better to Settle the Peace of the Country at any rate, then hazard the Loosing all, We not being able to assist them with a supply of soldiers on acco^{t}. the Two Partys which We had out (and without any advise of the Success of One) which made the Guard very weak; but the Govr. thinking it requiset one of the Council should go down, fully Impowered if Possible to settle the Northern Affairs Amicably by reinstating Sultan Guillamot on any Terms to the Comp^{as}. advantage, to encourage Our People & make the place defenceable, I happened to be the person thought proper to go as having been there before; I accepted the offer (thô very unwillingly, & must take the Liberty to assure You Gentlemen, out of no other motive, but to do my Honble: Masters Service, for I was not recovered of the sickness I brô up with me two

[. years] before, and as for Profit I know could not get [any sum] by it, but Lost in my Pay monthly and am [about] 150 Dollrs. out of Pocket for said Voyage which [I would] Like to be reimbursed, if You are not Pleased [to bestow more] on me, and do me Justice.

I went on board Ship Benjamin the [. . . .] & Gott to Bantall in about a week's [time &] found every thing in the most deplorable [condition with] the Buzarr burnt, & all the People [there fled and] the Factory Paggar in such a con[dition that it was] ready to fall in Severall Places, & [. . . .] in and out as they Pleased with Incompassing the [. . .] ons, & all ou[. . .] Occa[. . .] Dismall Posture, Obliged me to think of some speedy Remedy to secure the Place, & as there was not a quarter Paggar Sticks enough to do the work, & no more to be got at that time, I thought it more adviseable to take the same method as was at Marlbrô on the Like Necessity, then run the hazard of Loosing not only Our Honble. Masters Effects on the Spott but all their Intrest in the Northern Settlements (for I am certain ten resolute Men would have taken the Factory at any Time) for Ippue and Tryamong were already cut off, before my arrivall, and Moco Moco must have followed the same fate if Bantall had suffered they being the only two Places the Compa. had Possession of, wherefore gave directions to Mr. Ballet the then Paymasrs. to raise a Breast work of Turff 6 foot high & 5 foot thick well staked, when he had done that to clean the Trench which was almost stoped up, & fill up the Bastions with the durt to mount the Guns on, which work I am sure would make the Place more Defenceable then any Paggar ére was; if my orders were not complyed with, I cannot help it, for I was very seldom able to Look after it, my self, by reason of My illness, being seized the second day after my arrivall with a violent fever & vomitting, which held Me almost the whole Time, and rendered me so weak, that I was hardly able to go through the writting business to Sultan Guilliamot, conformable to my Ins[tru]ctions (Coppy of which should have [. . .] from me) however they were to P[. . .] friends with the Company, an [. .] Throne, which I endeavoured [. . .] but could not bring it to a [. . . .] You, before He was so tho [. . .] not trust me, However [. . . .] the Plantations and [. . . .] that We might the [. . .] in hopes of assist [. . . .] writt for, things c[o . . .] Middle of April [. . . .] being without [. . . .] as [. . . .] He asked me Severall Questions about Bantall which I answered Him in the best manner I could, He inquired Particularly for the Book of Mallay Lettrs. which I told Him thought was at Bantall, not knowing they were put up among my things, as I afterwards found, for I came off so ill from thence that I knew nothing that was done, & my things were brought of the next day, the Pacquet made up on board ship, & Papers brô off that I never desired, nor knew of and put among my Cloaths by my Servant, however, when I was a Little better takg. my Cloath out of my Chest, found said Book when Mr. Lewis Deane coming in I told Him the matter, & desired Him to carry them up to the Supravisor for me, because I was out of Order, He told me it was better I should give Him them my self, which I said I would, & really designed as ℘ Coppy of His Oath to the truths thereof inclosed No. 1 His denying to carry them up, & my Illness Occasioned it's being Neglected for a day or two when Mr. Newcombe being made Pepper godownkeepr., came & turned me out of My Lodgings at an hours warning that belonging to said Imploy; thus I, & my things were turned out without having any place to go to, sick & weak as I was, & continually ill with fretting about my usage I was forced to put my things in the Pepper Shedd [&] lye myself for two or three days in an outroom almost [as bad] as the street, I beg of You Gentlemen to consider, [if any] Person in my Condition should think of a Lettr. [the mere] vexation, & troubles, were enough to put it out [of one's mind] without any illness which brô these Causes [to a head] & afflicted me very much with a violent pai[n...all over body and] head, which made me not know some [times...]id, at Last by application to Mr. Hubbard [. . .] Room in the Fort, but in the Midest of [. . .] I could set my foot in the Room, or [. . . .] I was sent for to Council, & among [. . . m]ade to Pay for the brestwork at Bantall [. . . .] Mallay Lettr. Book, to which not [. . . .] and not readily rem[. . . .] head, made the sam [e...de]livered a [. . . .] should not [. . . .] and [. . .] Him, I never designed to have kept it, & that it was through inadvertency,

that I had denyed the matter, & beged of Him to send for Mr: Deane who could do me Justice in said affair, for I was very willing He should be satisfyed, thô I might with the greatest reason have answered keeping said Coppy's of Lettrs. for they were writt purely for my own use, & satisfaction, & not with design to be delivered up, wherefore they did not belong properly to the Compa. but my self, as I hope Gentlemen, You will allow reasonable, that I should have Coppy's of what I had Transacted, for my own Security (the Originalls being at Bantall in their Proper Place) Nevertheless all excuse, thô never so reasonable signifyed nothing, for the Opportunity was gladly laid hold of, thô they had the Book, & under the Pretence of searching for Papers belonging to the Compa. ransacked all my things overhauld all my Private Lettrs. even those to my Relations, & Friends, before I was in the service, & took what they Pleased away, & not Contented with that under pretence of Looking for a bond searched my Pockets; & took every thing of my own private affairs from me, without giving any reason for it at all, & afterwards locked & sealed my things & removed Me into another Room, where I was confined 53 Hours, with My windows [& doors shut . . .] Pen, Ink, or Paper or the Liber[ty] [. . .] near me, but a Little Boy, & [. . .] Usage, as always knowing [. . .] to be convicted of some [charge . . .] Such a Manner; had[. . .] have expected such [. . .] doing Justice on sh[. . .] wards found that [. . .] sample of what w[. . .] had the Least fa[. . .] that they knew [. . .] as [. . .] The reasons of such an Expression with the Val[idity] of the consequence, which brô Us to consider the r[esent]ments that must of necessity fall on Us from a [Person] so strictly united with Him, & accordingly occasioned the proposall of Bonds to be Given from one to the other for our Joynt Security (Govr: Farmer I believe suspecting Ellill's Sincerity as find since had reason) the Tenour of those We gave Govr. Farmer according to the best of My remembrance were if He was broke on Shyllinge or Garret's Accot. & went home or was sent to any other part of India, We were to accompany Him under the Penalty of 1000 Dollrs. & those He gave to Us were in Case we were served so, He was to assist Us, [with] writting to all His Friends at home, in Our behalf thus Gentlemen I have related the reall truth the Occasion of this mighty matter, & Leave You Judge what prejudice it could do to the Company for Us to Joyn in a mutuall defence on expectation of Oppression for doing them Justice, or what business has any body with those Bonds but Our selves they relating in no Manner of respect to any Body else.

Thus Gentlemen I have run thrô the whole Course of Transactions on this Coast that I had been concerned in with the greatest truth & e[xacting the] Possible my memory will allow of, & hope [Yor.goodnes]s will Pardon the Mistakes and To[. . . .] have happened as occasioned [thro my . . .] & the Inconveniencys I labour [under . . .] forced to hide every Peice of Pa[per as I . . .] fear of being found out, and [having . . .] as I have been already se[rved in . . .] I had writt to Mr. Frederick [that . . .] want of being particu[lar in the . . .] thing happened its owing to the [. . .] which are still in the supra [. . .] me again [. . .] Particular Char [. . .] not to dir[. . .] And speediest manner, for the safety of the Place, which that work was at that time thought to be, by every body here, thô at this time run down to oblige a Superiour Power, if the work is not so well done as was proposed, by not having scarpe enough low'd proportionable to the wett soaking weather of this Coast its wholly Ellill's fault as He would not suffer any body to interpose with their advice.

As to that done at Bantall, which the Supravisor threat'ns to make me Pay for. SECONDLY.

I have Likewise shown the Necessity of Providing for the safety of said Settlement already; but shall take the Liberty to assure it was the only method could then be taken to secure the place, & besides the Example I had of the same, being done at Marlbrô which every body then approved off; I wrote to the Govr: & Council of it here, & in the next answer had an Approbation of [ot]her things wch. [nece]ssity of the [. . ob]liged me to [. . .]bation I hope Gentlemen clears me from the Charges of doing

it without Order, & I can with the greatest Justice, and truth, Assure You, that if my Orders were punctually followed it would be very serviceable and Lasting, and want Less repair then any other sort of Work, for I took the greatest care to rectifie all the faults I thought Ellill had made in the other, but I [was] not able always, to see it done my self, therefore it is not done according to direction [. . .] not mine, for he had the Pay [. . .] Ordering of the work but Le[. . .] it's an easy matter to des[. . .]ting Great Gun's on the [. . .] quarter settled a [. . .] I have often [. . .] them in, as se[. . .] please, but whether [. . .] design or Ignorant [. . .] there, but it's very [. . .] since, which may [. . .]. [*About half a page lost.*] Or not, & to the truth of my Intentions Copy of Mr. [. . .] Affidavit is entered hereafter.

Fifthly As to my being provided for a Se[ason] by hiding my Papers, & having Sliding Boards [of] Lodging for such a use, as I am Informed is in[certed] in Consultation.

The reason of my being prearmed [you] may Please to see from our entering into a Joynt [bond] as ℘ those Bonds, but for hiding or destroying [&] I don't know I had any reason to be affraid of Sh[yllinge] any of mine nor never did so before they taught [...] over hauling, even my own Private Lettrs. and P[ulled] My Pocket, with a Bruttish rudeness, which has [made] me do so since, by all they Left me, to execute my [condi]tion on, As to the Sliding Boards, I am almost [forced] to take notice of it, but as I am informed, it is [more] an Aggravation against me, Please to hear th[em] as followeth, when Mr. Shyllings was Govr. He [was] Informed, from some body, that I could grave an[d] a Little indifferently, as I sometimes had done, [to] My Friends, or divert my Self sent for me, & de[manded if I] would Engrave His Arms, and Cypher on a Go[ld . . .] which I Promised to do, as well as I could, [when I went] down to my Lodging, I sent for the Carpenter [. . .] a small Peice of Board against my Closet[to ingrave] on, and whilst He was at work I thought [of making] a conveniency for holding my Grain [and for] small Triffling things (which I used [. . .] near at hand, that I might not be [. . .] time I wanted any, to lo[. . .]ared Him to take down [the...] on my Left hand wh[. . . for] holding them, which [. . .] the use I ever made of it [be . . .] and it's very unlikely I[. . .] hide any thing I valued in [. . .]able to fall if any thing [. . .] to the truth of [. . .] follow [. . .] Fat[. . .] This Article is chiefly leaveled at Govr: Farmer with all Malice and Spite that a Lye can invent but since I [was the] Party concerned & am fully acquainted with the matters [I] proceed to relate the reall fact & truth as can take my [. . .] at any Time if necessary Vizt. Mr. Kington our Storekeepr. is at present the Accuser on this head) in discourse [with] me about the means of getting Mony in an Honest [way] on the West Coast, & Likewise expressing a des[ire] concerned with Me, whereby We might Cultivate Friendship, which He proposed by buying Paddy in the Country & exchanging it with the Comp[anys] salt at the rate of a bamboe of Salt for a Bamboe [. . .] & the same Quantity of salt, for two Bamboes [. . .] which I knew was the Rate Govr: Collet ha[d . . .] it at with the Mallays formerly, which [was . . .] not so scruplus as knowing it according to th[e . . .] given, and to make me come into it the re[. . .] me he had all along done so I being un[able to . . .] do any thing without the Govr. he agreed [. . .] it to Him, which He did as no way det[. . .] the Company, as indeed it was not, this [. . .] Mo. of Novemr. the troubles begining, [He . . .] grain to exchange as He proposed, [. . .] to take some out to supply the Buzar [. . .]25 ℘ Cent the Customary advances [. . .] bought out of the ware House [. . .] which Govt: Farmer agreed [. . .] to the Compas. Orders, & In[. . .] Kington propos[. . .] taken out [. . .] among [. . .] owes [. . .] then [. . .] hold of [. . .] cou[. . .] a[. . .]Any Orders to the Contrary only Mr: Everest had got about 1,600 Bams. in being formerly concerned with Kington & the Govr: thinking His Post was beneficiall enough for one (where mony is so rare to be gott) would not let Him sell it but bought it of Him on Our Joynt accot. at the price he could have sold it for, to the Mallays, thus I have laid open this

Mighty affair in all its parts according to truth and Justice, & hope I have in some measure cleared the charge laid to Govr: Farmer on this head, as well as my self in being concerned, but most humbly submitt it to Yo^{r}. Sensure and goodness.

This is all I can at present hear to be alledged against me, which hope have answered to Yo^{r}. Satisfaction, and my own Justification, & most humbly throw my self and Cause at yor. Feet beging Yo^{r}: Justice, & Goodness will deliver me, & severall others here from Tyranny, Injustice, & oppression; there being no other Power under heaven, We can fly to for succor, but Yo^{r}: selves wherefore hope, You will take pitty on Us and Consider the Merits of the Cause, with a favourable oppinion, for I assure, Gentlemen, as I hope for any mercy from Heaven, I know no design to wrong the Comp^{a}. in any of the foregoing transactions and am very sure on Govr: Farmer's Acco^{ts}: as well as my own, nothing has been done, but with a good, and honest design, [. . .] Our Hon^{e}: Masters, wherefore hope Gentlemen, [. . .] thing should be brought in against me, which [. . .] been preadvised of You would be pleased not to [. . . h]aisty a Judgement against me before I am [. . .] own Inocence so well that doubt [. . . of] God, will enable me to [. . .] ertions or Accuzations [. . .] respect being of the [. . .] [Wi]ll allways be acknowled[ged . . .] and Respect by. [*A portion lost.*]

[. . .] obliged and [. . .] Our Supravisor, which I told Him thought would be properer to do Himself, which He said He would, & that He found them amongst His Linnen, not knowing they were brô off at Bentall, and that, I do believe He would have done it but was hindered by His removall from said House and Illness.

LEWIS DEANE.

Jurat Coram me

FORT MARLBROUGH TERTIA DIE JUNY 1718.

RICH^{D}: FARMER.
Witness.
JN^{O}. JARVIS.

Vera Copia
HENRY BAYLEY.

N°. 2.

WHEREAS it hath been reported that M^{r}. James Morris late Pepper godown keep^{r}. should make Conveniences in His House by a board Sliding in His Closet for the conveniency of hiding Papers, I do hereby affirm, and am ready to attest upon Oath, that report to be Notoriously false, & that no other use, was made of the board, that was to take up and down to the best of my knowledge, who often went there but for the conveniency of putting some graving tools, & other Iron Utensills as a vice, Compasses, &c^{t}. & the said board had no fastning but was so slightly [. . .] up, that during His sickness, after [His . . .] Bantall fell down, by some th[. . .] Corner of the House, & Broke [. . .] In Witness whereof I have [. . .] 18 day of June 1718.

[. . .].

Vera Copia
JAMES RAWLINS.

N°. 3.

WHEREAS through [. . .] James Morris ma[. . .] to hid [. . .] Said Place, & further I affirm, that when M^{r}. Morris moving His goods to make room for M^{r}. Newcomes coming in, I being there present, M^{r}. Morris desired my assistance He not being able Himself to stow his Goods &c^{t}. and I going to that Place, found nothing but graving Tools Vice fyles broken China Ware &c^{t}. but no Papers whatsoever, nor no fastening to the Board, In Witness whereof I sett my hand this 19th. day of June 1718.

JAMES RAWLINS.

N°. 86.

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^{t}. & Govr. of Fort S^{t}. George &c^{t}. Councill.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.

Upon a Ship that Imported here the 29th. Ult^{o}. arriv'd some of our Town People, who came From Fort S^{t}. George, & informed Us, that the begining of Last M^{o}. an Europe Ship sail'd bound for this Place, so that if they are not mistaken, We may conclude she has overshot the Port, and is gone to the Bay.

It is impossible to express the Miserable [condi]tion this country is in at present, nor wou'd [. . . .] Yo. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}: with a tedious Relation of what [. . .] excite horrour & Compassion at the same [. . .] Famine is so great, without that We can [. . . .] People from flocking into our [. . . .] they lie in the streets in great number [. . . .] found dead in a Day, & can scar [. . . .] burry them, thô We turn them our [. . . .] swim over the River, creep in the [. . .] hedges or find some other [. . .] This is to Us a sensible gri[. . .] forced into so much [. . .] they have hither [. . .] To take the Custom, or Permit His People to take it without any quarrelling or difference.

4. We have had greater Rains than has happened for sev^{ll}. Years before, which is a great hinderance to Our Cloth Coming in as well as the great scarcity, in so much that the Coolys cannot get provision on the Road, for Love or Mony, a Large Parcel of Cloth has been now above twenty days upon the road, and is not yet arrived.

5. At a time when our Expences run so high We should not be forward in moving anything to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. that might tend toward encreasing them, but Necessity obliges Us to Request Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will make Us some allowance, in regard to the Present scarcity of all sorts of Provision ; We shall not say more than that our Present allowance for diet is not a fourth Part sufficient to discharge that Expence.

6. The Dartmouth Brigantine is in readyness to go over the barr as soon as the Weather Permits ; We shall put as many Bales on board as she can conveniently carry and order Her to touch at Metchlepatam according to Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. &c^{t}. former directions.

7. We have drawn a Bill upon Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. for Pag^{s}. seven hundred Payable to the Honble. Presid^{t}. that in case the Report of the Europe Ship being overshot this port prove tru[e . . .] want of Cash.

8. By these [. . .] Books, Our Acco^{t}. Cash to [. . .] Consultations with Our [. . .] June, We are

Vizagapatam
August the 6th. 1718.

[Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.]
[Yo^{r}. Most Obed^{t}. Hum^{e}. Servants]
[Robert Symonds.]
[Cor^{s}. Moll.]
[John Blunt.]

N°. 87

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Govr. &c^{t}. Council of Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}. S^{rs}.

By this Opportunity I take Leave to acquaint Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. S^{rs}. of our arrivall here in this Port (June 5th.) after a tedious and most troublesome Passage in endeavouring to gain our Passage to Our designed Port of Gombaroon.

I advised Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. S^{rs}. by the Heathcot whom We met in about 4^{d} 30^{m} S^{o}. Latt^{d}. & about 2^{d} 00^{m} W. of the Meridian of the S E. part of Zeloan, after wch. We had indifferent Winds, with which we stood to the Westward so as by our acco^{ts}. to be very near the three Irmanos Islands, & notwithstanding I believe Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}.

S^{rs}. will allow that We were than in a very good Meridian to gain Our Passage & stand to the Northw^{d}. yet I being willing to have the advantage of a very frank wind would have kept more w^{t}.ly, but the wind took Us w^{t}.ly, & in the S.W. board which obliged Us to hall to the Northw^{d}. & when We drew near the Equinoctial we had the Winds often [to] the Northw^{d}. of the W^{t}. (with very uncertain weather) [. . . .] winds We severall times Tackt and stood to the [. .]which finding the wind, & weather variable [. . .] might be owing to Our being near the [. . .] as is common in most parts of the [. . .] to the Northw^{d}. greatly in expectation [. . .] weather favouring Us instead of [. . .] nd the reverse, in so much that from [. . .] tial to about 13^{d} 00^{m} N^{d}. Latt^{d}. We had [. . .] W^{t}.ly and often to the Northw^{d}. of the [. . . tem] pestuous gusts in squalls, as also [. . .] to the Northw^{d}. of the W^{t}. which made [. . .] very deep & oft put us by [. . .] Part of [. . .] Second mate 28^{d} 15^{m} W^{t}. from the S.E part of Zeloan notwithstanding which, saw no Land, & by the great Sea & our Variation had no reason to believe We were so near as to beat up to Windw^{d}. so as to make the said Cape, so that I thought as it was also the opinion of my Officers, it was most proper to bear away for this Port.

At our arrivall here We found Our Agent the Worsp^{ll}. Arthur Beavis who thought it most proper to make His Escape clandestinely on acco^{t}. the Wars between the Persians & Arabs the Particulars of which Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. S^{rs}. will have from the Government here, who are capable to give You a more Perfect account.

I should be very Glad if this opportunity afforded me a Conveyance for a Lett^{r}. to our Honble. Masters to be sent by the first ship Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. S^{rs}. dispatches for Europe but as it will not I doubt not but Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. S^{rs}. will Please to inform them of our Ship.

I am not as Yet acquainted from the Government here, what their intentions are relating to any thing of the affairs of Persia, so Conclude as with all Respect, I am

Ship Bouverie
In Bombay Harbour
June 11th. 1718.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}. S^{rs}.
Yo^{r}. Most Obedient & H[umble Servant]

[Thomas Wotton].

N°. 88

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^{t}. & Govr. of Fort's S^{t}. [George] & S^{t}. David &c^{t}. Council.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.

[. . . .] Desired Our Leave to Imbarue upon the Derby which we have Granted.

We have rec^{d}. a Lett^{r}. from M^{r}. Emmerson dated the 19th. by the Tappys with Invoyce and Bill of Loading for Timber and Plank by Country Boat, which is not yet arrived, We most Respectfully Subscribe

Fort S^{t}. David
Septem^{r}. the 3^{d}. 1718.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.
Yo^{r}. Most Obedient hum^{ble}. Servants

Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thomas Wright.
Simon Holcombe.
Robt. Brooke.

No. 89

BOMBAY CASTLE
JUNE 12th. 1718.

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
[PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF] & FOR ALL THE [AFFAIRS OF] [THE ENG]LISH NATION [COROMA]NDELL &CT. FORT ST. GEORGE.

[HONBLE] SR. &CT.

Our Last to Yor. Honr. &ct. was under [. . . .] the Shawallum, Duplicate whereof We[. . . .]the Charles which we Hope is come to [. . . .].

On the 5th. Inst. imported Here the Desbouveri [Thomas Wottan Comman]nr. having lost Her Passage to Gombroon [. . . .] of son in the Lattd. of 5 so. the [. . . .] in Com [. . . .] News from Yor. Honr. &ct. with what else Your. have recd. would be very acceptable.

Caunojee Angria Continuing His insults against Us, notwithstanding the Govrs. repeated Instances to bring Him to reason, obliged entirely to break with Him, Our Galevats manned with Sepoys have been in His Country sevll. Times with Success, Plundered & destroyed, some Towns and Cattle & brought away some Prisoners, But the Last Time, by Ill Conduct of the Commanding Officer We Lost 58 Men, however Our People are so far from being disheartned, that they are desirous of Making another attempt to revenge it, and if our Hone. Mastrs. supply us with a Number of good soldiers this season; We don't doubt by God's blessing but to Curb His Insolence, & perhaps make Him repent the rupture.

There is a flying report here from the Armenians that the Muscatters are returned from Persia to Muscat, but we give Little Credit to it, so short a Time since the Duke of Yorks departure from thence, hardly permitting any advices to reach Surat over-land, Nor do We hear any thing thereof from Our People at Gombroon which we can't doubt but they would send us by the first Conveyance; This is what offers at Present from

Honble. Sr. &ct.
Yor. Most affectte. frds. & Humble. Servants

CHARLES [BOONE].
LAUREN[CE PARKER].
S[TEPHEN STRUTT].
[JOHN CLAPHAM].
[JOHN BRADDYLL].
[WALTER BROWN].

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL ATT FORT ST. GEORGE.

[HONBLE. SR. &CA.]

[. . . .] Neither have We any greater Prospect Yet, of obtaining Ours, unless some more convincing Arguments than Intreaties be used, We shall wait till We hear what the new appointed Govr. for Surat will do, before we entertain any thots. of putting such in Practice. We should have been glad Yor. Affair wd. have Permitted You to spare Us, some European Recruits as they would very much have helped Us at this Juncture, in the Reduction of Angria, against whom in our Last, we advised You we had been obliged to Declare, The Rains have prevented our doing any thing since, except our Sepoys keeping Him in Constant alarm.

The ill consequence that Your Ships going Directly to Surat may be of both to the Right Honble. Compa. & Yor. Selves in Particular, till the affairs of the Phirmaund is quite settled with that Government, obliges us to recommend to You again the giving yor. Supracargo's & Capts. orders to put in here first, We shall take care to have a Convoy ready to secure them coming up the Coast either of Our Europe Ships or Grabs, & that they shall have certain advice at Callicut where to meet them.

We return Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. our Thanks for yor. care in endeavouring to furnish us with People for our Mint & some Bitts.

Since what we wrote You by the Shawal[lum of] Our Affairs at Gombroon we have had no farther[news] from them; Our Pres^t^. has advices from Muscat [that the] Arabs were repulsed with considerable Loss at [. . .] Preparing three of their Large ships to [send rein]forcement to that Place.

The unavoidable charge we must put [. . .] we are actually engaged in a War [with . . .] Angria will be so heavy on us, & the adv[antages that will acc]rue to the English Settlements in Gen^ll^. [. . .]ced so considerable, We hope that as [. . .]end to bear a Part of the Burden, [. . .] will be Pleased to assist us, in [. . .] Grab, & maintaining Her one [. . .] You shall think [. . .] Gro [. . .] Nation in these Parts seems to depend on the Success we are like to have in this Dispute. We are

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Your [most affect^e^. fr^ds^. & hum^e^. serv^ts^].

CHARLES BOONE.
LAURENCE PARKER.
STEP^N^. STRUTT.
JOHN CLAPHAM.
JOHN BRADDYLL.
WALTER BROWN.

BOMBAY CASTLE
AUG^st^. 5th. 1718.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. & S^RS^.

The fore going is what we dispatched to You the Date thereof Bu[t the Pattamars] unfortunately loosing the P[. . .] River we now forward [. . .] add, but that We are

Honble. S^r^. [&c^t^.]
Yo^r^. [most affect^e^. fr^ds^. & hum^e^. Serv^ts^].

[P. S.]
[. . .] Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^.
[. . .] accompanying
[. . .] Hon^e^. Court of
[. . .] the first ship

[CHARLES BOONE].
[LAURENCE PARKER.]
[STEP^N^. STRUTT].
[JOHN CLAPHAM].
[JOHN BRADDYLL].
[WALTER BROWN].

N°. 90

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRES^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^T^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.

1. Our Last that we paid our Respects into Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. was the 13th. Ins^t^. which only served to advise of Ensigne Pendrill's Death, & since meeting with this good Opportunity by Vizagapatam Peons, we gladly embrace it, to impart what Occurrances has offered since.

2. It has, & still continues being reported that Mauberize Cawne has received a Mortall shott from Rajah Mullah Reddee, & that Sieb Abdulah Cawne has appointed Habid Cawne Nabob for this Government but we Cannot assert this News for certainty, tho it is what has been discoursed some days, & if it should Prove to be true, Coja Gee will imbarke on Board a Ship, at Maddapollum for Suratt.

3. Serjant Glover complaining that there was not Armes, sufficient to exercise the Military, on which M^r^. Harris delivered out the remain^g^. Ten Musquetts which came from Fort S^t^. George.

On the 24th. Instant arrived here a [French] ship from Pondicherry, with a quantity of Broad cloth for sale but not meeting with [. . .] they expected they departed from [. . .] for Bengall we beg Leave to subscribe [with our utmost] Respects.

[H]on^ble^. S^r^. &c^t^.
Yo^r^. Most obed^t^. hum^ble^. Ser^ts^.

[METCHLEPATAM]

[26TH AUGUST 1718].

[WILLIAM HARRIS].
[JOHN SANDERSON].

N°. 91.

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRES^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORTS S^T^. GEORGE & S^T^. DAVID &C^T^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.

Agreable to Yo^r^. Directions under the first instant Our Accomptant has closed Our Gen^ll^. Books & as soon as the Copys are finished they shall be sent, which We purpose the beginning of next Month.

Inclosed comes our Last Mo^s^. Acco^t^. Cash and we most Respectfully Subscribe

FORT S^T^. DAVID
9TH. SEPTEM^R^. 1718.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Yo^r^. most obed^t^. hum^e^. Serv^ts^.

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROB^T^.[BERRIMAN].
THO[MAS WRIGHT].
[SIMON HOLCOMBE].
[ROB^T^. BROOKE].

N°. 92.

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRES^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORTS S^T^. GEORGE & S^T^. DAVID &C^T^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^.

Y[. . . . .] Come t[. . .] hav[. . .].

With Our Gen^ll^. Books We shall send a full answer to the sev^ll^. Paragraphs rec^d^. from Our Honble. Masters relating to this settlement in time, to go by the Derby.

This comes by Sloop Ramah with 70 Bales amounting to Pag^s^. 3925–29–20 (fa^s^. Cash.) as ℘ Invoice with Bill of Loading Inclosed.

We desire You will be Pleased to send Us by first Conveyance 2000 Pieces of Gunnys 10 Candy of Roapes 5 Candy of Twine and 30 Candy of Iron, &c^t^. stores as ℘ Lists Inclosed.

The Parr that You Dispatched the 16th. Ulto. with Timber & Plank is arrived. We most Respectfully Subscribe

Honble. Sr. &ct.
Your most obedt. Hume. Servts.

Fort Sr. David
18th. Septemr. 1718.

Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thomas Wright.
Simon Holcombe.
Robt. Brooke.

No. 93

[To the Honble. Joseph] Collet Esqr.
[Prest. & Govr. of Fort] St. George [&ct.]

Honble. Sr. &ct.

Yor. Honr. &ct. favour of the 22d. & [. . .] Our [ha]nds the 7th. Instant, & that [. . .] an, did not arrive us t [. . .] what mentioned re [. . .].

2. [. . .] Our endeavours to get our Millitary to be contented with 2 or 3 Mos. pay, in Order to keep them in arrears, for fear that they should have roving heads, and take an Opportunity & desert, but We found them mightly discontented on which We have paid them there full Arrears to Ulto. August.

3. We acquainted the Military that in case they had their full Arrears, it was Your Honr. &ct. orders to Us, not to allow them any more batty, notwithstanding they was better contented to receive the first.

4. If at our Departure Coja Gee should offer to give Us any trouble, we shall freely acquaint Him with Yor. Honr. &ct. Orders, and if he should think them not sufficient, We will not in any Measure be wanting, in puting them in execution; after which he'll se [*sic*] how many a handful of English Men, can drive their way through.

5. According to orders we will embarque, with our Military, & what store[s we] cannot conveniently dispose of, upon the [said] vessell, & we heartily wish that there [. . .] arrive Us speedily, which at present We [are] dubious of believing what vessells may come from Bengall, will be Loaded with Rice [. . .] as their Cargo is sold, it is very Probable [. . .] return to the Bay again, in order to [ ] Decem . or January Market.

6. We are glad that Dia [. . .] against Madrass, has Proved the reverse [that was] reported.

7. We have recd. the Factory [. . .] that came by E[nsign] Eckman for w[hich we send] Yor. Honr. &ct. our [humble] thanks.

8. [. . .] Larg [. . .] Factory [. . .] &ct. [. . .].

9. Tomorrow we shall Putt Mr. Nodens effects up at Outcry, & if We should Buy his boat, if Yor. Honr. &ct. approves, of having her Loaded with as many of the Rt. Hone. Compas. Timbers as she can take in, we will send them upon her, with what else she can take, which will give Us a great easemt. when We have an Opportunity to embarque.

10. This Place is so very Poor, which make Us apprehensive, that none or few of our stores will sell here, & We are afraid, that when Coja Gee comes to understand, that We design to remove He will not permit one Cooly to assist Us in carrying of

our stores, therefore to keep him in suspence, it would in our opinion be the best way, to send our stores off gradually, but We submit Our selves to Yo^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{t}. better Judgement.

11. Our seventeen Topass Soldiers entered here, are Perfect in their exercise, and they are very desirous of having Monthly Pay as the rest, which We with submission design to grant their Request, and enter them into pay next month which We hope, will be approved, and when computed it will not amount to much more then their batty.

12. A Good Teak Long boat, having laid here some Years; which belonged to a ship called the Gen^{ll}. Peace, We have fitted up the same & she will be of Particular Service to Us, at our departure & if Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. approve's We can load some stores & send upon her.

13. The Nabobs son is acoming, in order to take care of all these Parts, & the differances are all accomplished, between Him & Rajah Mullah [Red]dee.

14. If Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. approves of appointing at[. . .] ture, a superior person to take [. . .] Factory; & to send Y^{r}. Hon[^{r}. . . .] that may offer in these [. . .].

With the Utmost Respects

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{r}.
Yo^{r}. most obed^{t}. hum^{e}. Servants

William Harris.
John Sanderson.

Metchlepatam
Septem^{r}. the 14th. 1718.

[*P.S.*]
Coja Gees Bro^{r}. sent for our Dubash Ilue the 12th. Ins^{t}. and after some discourse, he told him that if We did not trade here, We might blame our selves, however he expected a Present as formerly, during the R^{t}. Hon^{e}. Companys making Investments here, but if good words will not prevail with him; We will give him other satisfaction on that point; the Lett^{r}. of the 25th. ult^{o}. was signed by the Secretary, by order of the Honble. Govr.

Idem.

W.H.
J.S.

N°. 94

To the Hon^{BLE}. Joseph Collet Esq^{R}.
Pres^{T}. & Gov^{R}. of Fort S^{T}. George &c^{T}. Council.

Honble. S^{r}. &c.

The 25th. Ultimo we rec^{d}. a Lett^{r}. from the Honble. President & Council of Fort William, advising the arrivall of the Mary, and their design, to send Us the Treasure upon the Metchlepatam, & what else she can conveniently take on board We are in daily expectation of Her & wonder at Her so long stay, since by what advices We have rec^{d}. she was in readiness to sail the begining of Last Month, The Gentlemen there, sent Us inclosed in their Lett^{r}. Capt. Holden's Protest against the Weather, of which we now send Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. Copy, whether the case was so bad as He & His officers represent it, or they were got beyond the Port, before they knew it, We are very sure, it is no [small] disappointment.

Up [on the] Dartmouth Brigantine We have lade[n . . .] Bales [of Sa]llampores amounting to [. . .] as ℘ In[voice . . .] the G[. . .]. [*A portion lost.*]

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

The foregoing is a Copy of what We wrote by Sloop Dartmouth since which We rec^d^. Yo^r^. dated the 7th. July Last (designed by the Mary) ℘ Ship Metchlepatam consigned here, by the Gentlemen in the Bay to deliver the Treasure and Madera, but the Timber & Plank is kept back, the ship not being able to take them in.

We shall take care to bring the amount of the Invoice ℘ Ship Britania to the Credit of Yo^r^. Presidency, with the Freight added thereto.

By this Ship we send Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. three Prisoners Robt. Cross, Thos. Titchbourn & Simon Cooke a Sailor, for being guilty of Desertion, & as old offenders (it being the third time) are thought too Dangerous to be kept here any Longer.

We are in the Greatest want of Godown room & know not, where We shall stow those Bales, that will Come in between this, & Christmass but subscribe with the greatest respect.

VIZAGAPATAM
SEPTEM^R^. 17TH. 1718.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &c^r^.
Yo^r^. Most Obed^t^. Hum^e^. Servants.

ROBERT SYMONDS.
COR^S^. MOLL.
JOHN BLUNT.

N°. 95

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRES^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^r^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. & S^RS^.

We have here before us Yo^r^. Sev^ll^. Lett^rs^. of the 6th. [. . .] 7th. & 19th. June 7th. July, & the 20th. Instant rec^d^. [. . . Gr]antham, We observe the Content [. . .] Order of their sev^ll^. Dates. as We cannot obtain [. . .] [. . .] Muxod [. . .] Ourr [. . .] Ten ℘ Cent is entirely Lost upon them whereas, when We sell silver at Cossimbuzar we do not Loose full 7 RS. 11 AS. ℘ Cent batta on it.

The Gusbadar arrived here in safety but soon after falling very sick, We have Permitted him to go up to Cossimbuzar, & have sent a Lett^r^. to the Nabob by Him, designing He should joyn our People there in gaining our Severall Priviledges granted to Us by the King; tho We are very dubious of success, for he is a most avaritious Man & seems resolved to let Us have no Part more than We always had before, unless we shall dearly Pay for it over again, We have wrote a Lett^r^. also by the Gusbadar to the Grand Vizier complaining of the hard Treatment with which the Subahs use Us, M . Surman, when he Left the King's Court did Leave a vaqueel there, but we have never heard a word from him, nor cannot expect any Service, Unless we would give him the Opportunity of throwing away a great deal More Mony.

This Comes by the Honble. Comp^a's^. Ship Metchlepatam which has had a thorough repair & We believe is a firm strong ship for Capt. Skirvin gave a Constant attendance & has taken a great deal of Pains in fitting Her, the Acco^t^. of Her Charges distributed by him comes herewith signed by Himself.

We have laden on board Her 800 Bags of Salt Petre & filled her up with grain Wax &c^t^. Stores for Yo^r^. Presidency as ℘ Bill of Lading & Invoice enclosed amounting to Rupees 10550. 8 ANS. 9 P. Acco^t^. the Honble. Company.

As the West Coast Ships always are Kintiledged with Iron, We suppose you will not be necessitated to put any Petre on Board that ship, so that the 800 Bags, We now send you with the 700 You have will be sufficient for the Derby's kintlage, We should be glad if We could have sent you more, but here is not one ounce in all Bengall to be sold, & we have only left ourselves barely sufficient to give the Mary

1000 Bags, which she has on Board, & is [all that] ship requires (as Capt. Holden declared to Our Board) for the Heathcote reserved but 1600 Bags both [which ships] we design to dispatch Hence, the be [. . .] the former with Good Part of H[. . . to be filled up] with stores [. . .] for Your Fort [. . .].

By the Heathcote We recd. 40 Chests Madrass Rupees, by the Mary 30 & by the Grantham 60 Chests, which is Just Landed after they are counted over We shall send you the Accot. of their coming out.

We cannot fully determine how to dispose of the Grantham & King George, before We have certain advice of Ship Bouverie from Persia, some Armenians who freighted goods Upon her acquaint Us they have recd. Lettrs. from their Correspondents at Suratt, dated the 17th. June advising the Bouverie, had touched at Muscatt, where hearing of the Persia troubles they returned, & was arrived at Bombay; by Private advices, We are inform [*sic*] Govr. Boone &ct. Designed to send Mr. Beavis with 2 Europe ships to endeavour an accommodation of affairs at Persia, which if so We may suppose, the Bouverie who has great deal of Freight Goods on board, & full Lading for that Port will Proceed in Company with them, & then we shall return the King George up to You, with a Good Part of Europe Cargoe, & send the Grantham directly for England, otherwise must send you up two ships, with as many Bales on each as Possible we can gett in time & we shall not fail (as you desire) in exerting our selves all We can.

Ship Mary by stress of Weather was forced by Vizagapatam as You'll see by Copy of Capt. Holden attestation signed by himself & officers which comes enclosed, so that we are disapointed of the Bales from Vizagapatam, We were obliged to open Yor. Pack[et] for that Settlement to take out Capt. Holden's Bill of Lading, so we took Copys of the Severall Papers therein, & immediately dispatched them to Vizagapatam overland, & that their Investment may not be detard[ed] for want of money we have laden all the Treasure[s] & every thing else which was for them on board the ship, which [we] have ordered to touch there in He[r] way to [. . .] it, with Yor: Originall Pacquet [. . .] have kept because they [. . .] sent on this Ship, & shall [. . .] for them.

[. . .] sending [. . .]tution sent Us this Year & no Probability of selling one Bale, We should be very Glad if you could help Us off with a Quantity of any sorts for it's a large sum no[w] Lying & Like to remain dead in our Warehouse.

Besides what small matter of Grain this ship could take in you'll have a great supply by the Large Fleet of ships now bound out in Company with her for Yor. Port, & all Laden with Grain, we are

Fort William
August the 23th. 1718.

Honble. Sr. &crs.
Yor. very Hume. Servants

Samll. Feake.
Jams. Williamson.
Edwd. Page.
John Deane.
Heny. Frankland.
Willm. Spencer.
Waterwth. Collett.

P.S.

We herewith send you a Packet directed for Yor. Honr. &ct. wch. We Recd. from the Honble. Court of Directrs. in Our Pacquet by Ship Grantham. We also send a Pacquet Directed to Our Honble. Mastrs. which we desire you'll forward to them by the first ship wch. goes from yor. Presidency.

Idem.

Samll. Feake.
Jams Williamson.
John Deane.
Henry Frankland.
Willm. Spencer.
Waterwth. Collett.

N°. 96

Having Rec^d : Orders from [the] Honble : Joseph Collet Esqr. Gov . of Fort S^t. George [&c^a.] Council, Bearing Date July 8th. 1718 at 6 in the [Evening] to sail for Vizagapatam, without any Loss of [time] & from thence to Bengall, I went directly on [board] weighed at One [the] next Morning as soon as [the] Land breese Came off, all that Day I had fine [weather] the next day a ve[ry ha]rd Gale of wind with a [Perfid]ious Great s^o e[asterly and on the] Day following I [. . .] a very Eas . . .] with our Top [sails . . .] Capp [. . .] Length [. . . . . .] Under a Main Sail & Mizen with Our head in from the 11 at Noon till the 12 at 5 in the Morning, Then Set Our Fore Sail & Stood in with the Land as Near as We could Lye N. W^t. & N. W B W^t. We had too much Wind to Carry our Top sails. At 3 this afternoon We made the Dolphins Nose off, of Vizagapatam bearing N. W ½ N : We went into 30 fathom Water, then I called a Consultation of My Officers, to Desire their Opinion about standing in and anchoring, they all agreed that if we Anchored any where upon the Coast with that Gale of wind & Sea, all the Anchors & Cables in the Ship would not hold Us, & I must be of the same opinion my Self, Then we wore & Lay under a Mainsail & Mizen with our head to the S^o. ward till 12 at night then wore & Lay with our head in, hoping for better Weather to Anchor some where on the Coast as near Vizagapatam as we Could, & send them advice where we were. In the Morning We found the weather as bad as the Day before, soe was forced to Bear away for Bengall, so much wind & Sea I never met on the Coast before ; My self & Officers have all Attested this Paper, and are Ready to make affidavitt as soon as shall be Required.

JULY 14TH. 1718.

[Trans]cribed
[DANIEL] TAUDIN
Examined.
HENRY LAMBTON.
[DANIEL] TAUDIN.

RICH^D. HOLDEN, Capt.
THO^S. HOLDEN, *Chief Mate.*
JOHN BLUNDELL, *Third Mate.*
EDW^D. HICKES, *Fourth D^o.*
PER^LL. GOODING, *Surgeon.*
THO^S. HALFORD, *Purser.*
ANTH: ADAMS, *Boatswain.*
RICH^D: CONQUEST, *Gunner.*
[. . .], *Carpenter.*

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[N°. 97]

[TO THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. OF FORT S^T. GEORGE & S^T. DAVID &C^T. COUNCIL.]

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^T.

[. . .] On this Settlement, We choose to send them Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^t. [apart] that they may not interfere with other Business, & Humbly referr them to Yo^r : Consideration.

To Our Honble. Masters 67 Paragraph, We have debated on the severall Branches of Our revenues therein Mentioned, & find it has been Practized of Late Years to remit Our Sev^ll : Lists with Our Gen^ll : Books Yearly, Amongst which one signifies the amount of that Year's Revenues, which are generally extracted from the ℘mo Janvary, to the Ult^o. Decem^r. following, from the respective Particulars incerting all Farms as Let out that Year to summ up the Totall of one Years Income, so that with Our Present Gen^ll : Books will be sent a List from the ℘^mo. Jan^ry. 1717/8 to the Ultimo Decem^r. 1718 in that form, but at the same time it's to be Considered those Farms do not Commence or Terminate, but at uncertain Times of the year as they are Let out ; & for Instance the Arrack Rent commenced that Year in Janvary 171⁵⁄₆ & the Book's closed in April following, so that the first quarter of that year, was not due till May, which made the Renters stand Debtors for the whole year, & the same is to be observed in the Bound Rent that Commenced that Year in July 1715, by which there was but half a Year due the Last of april when the Books Closed and of the same Nature is the Tobacco, & Betle, they being duely collected according to the Tenour of their respective Cowles or Grants.

Eram Rauze Our old Bound Renter is eased of a great part of His doubtfull Debt (there remain^g^. now but Pag^s^. 649.20 Fanams) having represented to Fort S^t^. George His great sufferings, by the Moors Warrs here, the Honble. Presid^t^. & Council were Pleased to make a reasonable deduction, & we are in Hopes something may be recovered upon concluding our Present Contract, where He holds a share of the Proffits thô not able to contribute to the stock Yet being a Man in Esteem for His honesty (thô Poor) has a title of a Head Merchant by Courtesy, & whatever becomes [due to] Him, we shall take care to secure on acco^t^. [. . . .] could seize upon His House & bare ne[. . . .] but then he must go a [b . . .] occa[. . . .] seldom exceeded 3000 Pag^s^. so considerably decreased that Duty, that it was agreed, to be brô in with other Petty Dutys at the Close of Our Gen^ll^. Books in April, to save the trouble of a Head for so small a summ, nor can We find any fraud therein upon comparing severall months Income with Our Customers Registers, & Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. may depend upon Our best Indeavours at all times to prevent such vile practices Amongst Our Servants, with care to punish whomsoever is found guilty.

5. The Town Conicoply of Cuddalore holds His Title to that place from Governour Yale upon the Purchase of these Bounds, wherein he was very serviceable, which being represented, by the Late Deputy Govr. &c^t^. to Fort S^t^. George 'twas agreed the Conicoply Should Continue in his Place by vertue of the Power that was Granted Him.

6. We May Presume that Our Honble. Mast^rs^. have been misinformed, about the extent of Our Bounds, for upon a Late carefull Survey from Sea to Sea We find they make a Little more than a Semy Circle & contain in Circumference, nine & a Quart^r^. measured Miles, & it appears also that M^r^. Benyon's report about the Hedge round the Bounds, & the Produce was a groundless Projection, for He affirms there to be about 60000 Palmera Trees Whereas, there was no More than the undermentioned Number, Viz^t^.

1004 full Grown
1779 three Quart^rs^. grown
1758 half grown
2494 Quart^r^. Grown

7035 Which are wonderfull short of His computation & Could they be Let out Yearly, & all full Grown they would not increase the Bound Rent above 250 Pag^s^. Yearly, but we must offer something of greater Consequence which is that [more] Trees, are the only fence, We have to secure [the fron]tiers of Our Bounds by running round [. . .] so Commodious, & strong; [. . .] can easily force through, [. . .] the Leaves that cover the [. . .] top to bottom, Like so [. . .] them [. . .] Would attend such a Worke is Humbly submitted to Our Honble. Mast^rs^., & Yo^r^. better Judgements.

7. The Scavingers Dutys of Cuddalore & Tevenapatam were taken off by Yo^r^. Hon^rs^. &c^t^. as burthensome to the Poor Inhabitants, and it's such a small Revenue to the Honble. Company, that the Charge of Carts Cattle & Servants very often exceed it as happened in 1715 when the Scavinger was paid out of Cash in April Pag^s^. 34. 2. Fan^s^. to Ballance that Year's Acco^t^.; We shall hereafter have due regard to fixing the Payments of the Severall Farms in the Limits of their Orders which at present can't conveniently be done, having by Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. Permission Granted, & signed Cowles for the Bound rent with the Tobacco, & Betle, for five Years which We obtained with no small difficulty, & the Renters would be glad of such a handle to throw up their sev^ll^. Cowles, due care is taken that they are Farmed out to the most substantiall People, & collected Quarterly, but to agree with the Renters on other Terms would only be a hardship on the Poor daily Labourers, who are always in arrears to the head Renters, & must be obliged to sell their Cattle & themselves too if they fail in complyance with their frequent demands, & nothing affects these People more than altering their Antient Customs, or introducing any new, they being very desirous of keeping up their Priviledges which in Farms are generally established according to the Methods Practized in the adjacent Country Governments; However in obedience to Our Honble. Mast^rs^., when the Farms in these Bounds expire We shall Indeavour to fix them agreable to their directions.

8. In Our Honble. Masters 68 Paragraph Ws observe they are Pleased, with Our increasing the Arrack Farm 100 Pag^{s}., & the Last Year We Let it out for 3 Years at 450 ₱ Annum, We are glad likewise to find their approbation of Our Farming out the Tobacco, & Bettle [for . . .] Pag^{s}. ₱ Annum on which agreement it Runs [. . .] to conclude with the Bound Re[nt . . .] of singular use to be tack- [. . .] have Let out the P[. . .] heer [. . .] have Parcelled out the Ground must wait at Least a Year before they can recover a Qurter's Rent, so that all the Damage at present in view is a Little forbearance more than ordinary in Demanding the Rent according to the strictness of the Cowle which if We should prosecute all the Labouring People in the Bounds would infallibly be ruined who depend upon the Seasonable Crop which have so miserably failed them, as is well known to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. & we doubt not will be considered with equall Compassion by Our Honble Masters.

9. In answer to the 69 Paragraph We are not under a Little concern that Our well intended trade with Achene succeeded so badly that by wofull experience some of Us are great Sufferers from a design as well for Our Honble. Mast^{rs}. as our own advantage, the misfortune must wholly be imputed to Our dealing with a Perfidious People, where the King and His officers have no Regard to Hon^{r}. or honesty, We had all the Fair Promises of an Embassadour at whose Request we sent Our Ship in His Company with a Considerable Stock, in hopes to renew a Beneficiall Trade, but instead of Royall Favours the King would not Permit the Sales of Our goods in proper Season, or the Common Priviledges of the Place, and kept the ship so long with the most Considerable part of Her Cargo, that she Lost her Passage, & a ruinous Voyage insued as is well known to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. so that We shall add only that with this design We had a Prospect of increasing Our Number of Merch^{ts}. from Porto Novo who waited the lucky Establishment of the Achene Trade to this Port, but being disapointed they must proceed as usual, for thô they are very sensible of the Arbitrary Treatment, under the Moors Government, & the great Incouragement, they should find under Our Protection, yet they can't quit a Trade so considerable, & beneficiall, & remove with their Familys upon [un]certainty of knowing how to Imploy their stock[s . . .] they have now a Prospect of injoying [. . .] to themselves, & thô they Labour [. . . proffi]ts will be so great that they [. . . th]at they have been so long [. . .] Honble. Mast^{rs}. 84 Pa[. . .] &c^{t}. the [. . .] Surmont that Charge Therefore for the better Comprehending Our Notion We have annexed the Particular Stations of the 3 Standing Company's which are as follows.

First Company in the Fort consisting of 150 men Viz^{r}.

1	Lieutenant.
1	Ensign.
7	Serjeants.
14	Corporalls.
127	Centinells White, & Black.

150 Men & Officers which Supply the Fort Tovenapatam Gate, & Round Point on Patcherry Hill, & Gaurds to secure the Town of Tevenapatam.

Second Company at the Garden consisting of 151 Viz^{r}.

1	Lieutenant
1	Ensign at Trepopalore.
6	Serjeants.
16	Corporalls.
121	Centinells, White and Black.

151 Men, & Officers, which supply the Garden & the Severall Frontier Gaurd of Our Bounds Viz^{t}. Trepopalore Midle Point, Royall Oake Point, Chemumdalum Gaurd, Horse Tail Point, & Cundapa Choultry.

11. The Garden for the Main Gaurd is so well scituated that upon Action We have a full view, of all the Frontier Guard, & upon any signall of distress, lyes ready to March to their relief which without a Head Officer might indanger the whole Bounds, & prove the worst of consequences, & the Fort lyes so well in View, for the Garden Signall that a Detachm^t. can Succour Us in a Quarter of an hour on any occasion.

The 3^d. Company at Cuddalore consists of 152 Men Viz^t.

1 Lieutenant at Cuddalore.
2 Ensigns 1 at Cuddalore & 1 at Bandipollam
10 Serjeants
13 Corporalls
126 Centinells [White & Black]

152 Men & [Officers which supply the [. . .] Points in Cuddalore with a [. . .] Chan[. . .] view [. . .] To Our Honble. Mast^rs. with Our Faithfull assurances of Lessening the Charges & increasing the Revenues of this their Settlement as far as can consist wth. their Hon^r. & Our Security.

12. In answer to the 87th. Paragraph requir^g. that Our Lists of Marriages & Births should be regularly signed by a Chaplain, Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^t. well know We have not that opportunity, However care shall be taken that Our Secretary, & Surgeon ; Sign the needfull Papers in Order to make them the more Authentick, when sent Home.

13. In answer to the 70th. 72^d. & 79th. Paragraphs of Our Honble. Mast^rs. Lett^r. We can only say that Our Government & People being so near a Like to Fort S^t. George We shall have all due Regard to Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^t. resolutions from time to Time, & submit with Perfect obedience to Yo^r. Directions.

14. We are mightily pleased that Our Honble. Mast^rs. approve of yor. measures about Poindy Chitty Kisna, & Hope that Proceeding will deterr others from attempting such Villainous Practices not uncommon in these Parts.

15. We Carry such a Strict hand Over our Dubashes and Black Servants, that Our Honble. Mast^rs. cannot suffer as they did by M^r. Raworth's Dubash Dosseree, who controuled so much By the countenance of His Mast^r., that if speedy remedys had not been applyed, We should have lost Our most substantiall Inhabitants, who Laboured under Oppressions so great that many feele them to this day, as appears by notes in their hands for considerable sum̃s said to be borrowed which must be Lost, the Mast^r. & Servant dying both insolvent, but We hope with their Deaths there's an end to all such unjust Proceedings, & by better Government, with fitting Incouragement to make some amends [for their] sufferings, they may Live to forget them [. . .] Prosperity.

16. [. . .] not find that our Servants [. . .] in Party's or making [. . .] Honble. Mast^rs., & We shall [. . . in]solences on the Least [. . .]tunate [. . .] in [. . .] being complyed with according to the result of Our Honble. Mast^rs. We can say no more but that they bear their misfortunes with the greatest Patience, not doubting of future Favours when their Services deserve them, with wch. they make their Constant, most diligent, & Faithfull applications in their respective Imploys, & joyne, with Our most hearty Prayers for Success in Our Honble. Mast^rs. undertakings. Respectfully subscribing

Hon^BLE. S^R. &C^T.

Yo^r. Most Obed^t. & Most Faithfull Hum^e. Serv^ts.

FORT S^T. DAVID
2^D. OCTO^R. 1718.

FRAN^S. HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROB^T. BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
ROB^T. BROOKE.

No. 98.

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.

Pres^t^. & Govr. of Forts S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

Yo^r^. favour of the 1st. came to hand the 4th. with Invoice & bill Loading for Wares and Stores on the Honble. Comp^as^. Acco^t^. by Sloop Ramah that arr^d^. the same Evening in Cuddalore Road.

We observe Yo^r^. Mention of no more than four Mortars rec^d^. in the room of five said in Our Acco^ts^. to be sent in Last Novem^r^.

W[. . .] the Loss of ship Success with Our Honble. [. . .] that were Loaden upon Her, & have [. . .] as with Regard to the C[. . .] for Our guida[nce . . .] part [. . .] Present, & the Weather favours that worke so as to give Us Hopes of near a 1000 Bales for the Jan^ry^. Ship.

We now send a full answer to Our Honble. Mast^rs^. remarks on this Settlement, in a Lett^r^. apart; Our Gen^ll^. Books with Consultations, & Paymast^rs^. acco^ts^. are Coming under the charge of Peons Overland.

We most respectfull[y] Subscribe
Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Yo^r^. Most obed^t^. Hum^e^. Servants

Fort S^t^. David
6th. of Octo^r^. 1718.

Fran^s^. Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thos. Wright.
Simon Holcombe.
Robt. Brooke.

List of Bales, Viz^t^.

Embaled	106
Beaters	80
Washers	502
Merch^ts^. Godowns ...	270
Bales ...	958

No. 99.

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.

Pres^t^. & Govr. of Fort S^t^. George &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

1. Our Last that We paid our Respects in, to Yo^r^. Hon^r^: &c^t^. was the 14th. Ins^t^. which, served to acknowledge the Receipt of 500 Pag^s^., the Ensigns arrivall, & to enclose Our Acco^t^. Cash for Last M^o^.

2. This comes by the Dartmouth Brigantine, which arriv'. here the 17th. Inst. from Vizagapatam full Laden, by Her We recd. a Genll. Lettr. from the Gentlemen there wherein they mention that it was yor. Honr. &ct. orders, for the Brigantine touching here, & they desire that We would not [detain] Her any Longer than absolute necessity req[uired which we]willingly comply with.

3. [. . .] Master, William Moore acquaint [. . .] that He has not room [. . .]ise we designed to have [&ca.] stores; We beg Leave to

[......]

No. 100.

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Prest. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ct. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ct.

Our Last that we pd. Our Respects to Yor. Honr. was the 26th. Inst. which chiefly served to Inclose a Lettr. for Yor. Honr. from Coja Abbulah this Phousdars Bror., since which meeting with this Opportunity by Auga Peras boat, we willingly embrace it to advise what has offer'd since.

Coja Gee's Ship which went from hence some time ago for Surat, is Lost, as she was a Coming back about Zelone, upon which news he sent to the Dutch Chief, for to Pay that Loss, as being a Contract between the Mogull, & their Compy. for any Moors Vessells that should Meet with such accident about Zelone, & as we are informed they are bound under an obligation, for to make the same Good, but how this will end we cannot at present be certain.

When provisions was scarce, we went to open a Cask of Salt Pork, as we thought for our Military, but it proved to be half a Leager of Batavia Arrack, thô Mr. Noden's had wrote Yor. Honr. that it was all expended.

The 30th. Inst. We recd. a Lettr. from His Worship Symonds, which advises of the dispatch of Ship Metchlepatam the 18th., from Vizagapatam for Madrass.

The greatest disapointment that We are at Present apprehensive, we shall meet with, at our departure from hence, (in case any otherwise then friendly) will be Coja Gees depriving Us of procuring any Coolys, if so, we shall meet with much difficulty to get the stores o[n board es]pecially the Timbers which will not [. . .] great Loss, therefore we shall d[till] further orders.

[. . .] Possib [. . .] to S[. . .]

[. . .]

No. 101.

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.

Prest. & Govr. of Fort's St. George & St. David &ct. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ct.

Yor. Favour of the 11th. Came to hand the 14th. by which we observe that Our Cash Accot., Generall Books, with Consultations, & Paymastrs. Accots. were well recd. & that You had paid Our New Merchts. 15,000 Pags. on their running Contract, which is Noted in Conformity.

Our Merch[ts]. have Promised to Comply with Yo[r]. Order for 50 Bales of blew Cloth, over, & above their Contract, by the Last of Decem[r].

We received Yesterday M[r]. Secretary Draper's Lett[r]. by Sloop Dartmouth, that is in Our River, & are most heartily sorry for our Hon[ble]. Gov[rs]. indisposition which with as hearty Prayers, for his recovery, & our Respects Concludes Us.

FORT S[T]. DAVID
22[D]. OCTO[R]. 1718.

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[t].
Yo[r]. Most obed[t]. Hum[e]. Servants

FRAN[S]. HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROB[T]. BERRIMAN.
THO[S]. WRIGHT.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
ROB[T]. BROOKE.

N[o]. 102.

TO THE HON[BLE]. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ[R].
PRES[T]. & GOV[R]. OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE &C[T]. COUNCIL.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[T].

Our Last that we paid Our Respects [to was] the 18th. Ult[o]., since which meet [. . . .] We gladly embrace it to [. . .] offered since.
[. . . ll] Continues at Beswar [. . .] wait upon [. . .] Ma [. . .]

Mauberize Cawn remains in Golcondah & it is thought by many, that after the moors feast is over, he 'll set out for these parts; so that we shall do our Utmost endeavours to get from this Place as soon as Possible, for fear He, or His son, should Expect a Present as their coveteous temper is; and in case not complyed with, it might embroyle Us in troubles to Prevent any thing of that Nature, We have taken the Sloop called the goodhope, & we shall embarque for ffort S[t]. George a few days after the full Moon, the Freight is wholly Left to Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[t]. Pleasure at our Arrivall.

A few days ago Coja Gee sent for our Dubash Ilue, & after some discourse had Passed, the Purport of all was that whither we traded here, or not His Former, & Customary Present was due, & what he expected, by which we are apprehensive, that there's something abrewing more then Ordinary, so that we think His going to Seib Jadah, will be as good an opportunity, as we Could embrace, to embarque without any molestation; We beg Leave to subscribe with the utmost Respects.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[T].
Yo[r]. Most obed[t]. Hum[e]. Servants
WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

METCHLEPATAM
OCTO[R]. THE 15TH. 1718.

P.S.

We shall put up the R^t. Honble. Company's Timbers at Outcry, & in case they'll fetch any thing near prime cost, we shall venture to sell them, otherwise there's one Gregory a very substantiall Merchant here, will take them under obl[ig^n.] giving Us a Note to deliver the same when Demanded by Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^t. they are so cumbersome that it is Impossible, to bring them with Us, especially as the Sloop is so small, this method We took into Consideration & thought the most securest way to Prevent the Government giving any trouble when the Timbers may be Demanded. Idem.

W^M : H.
Jo^N : S.

N°. 103

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Pres^t. & Govr. &c^t. Council of
[Fort S^t. George.]

Hon[^ble. S^r. &c^a].

[. . .] Ship not being able to take them in.

We shall take care to bring the amo^ts. of the Invoice ₱ Ship Britannia to the Credit of Yo^r. Presidency, with the Freight added thereto.

By this Ship we send Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^t. 3 Prisoners, Robert Cross, Thos. Titchbourn, & Simon Cook a Saylor, for being Guilty of Desertion, & as old offenders (it being the third time) are thought too Dangerous to be kept here any Longer.

We are in the greatest want of Godown Room, & know not where we shall stow those Bales that will come in, between this, & Christmass, but subscribe with the Greatest Respect.

Honble. S^r. &c^t.
Yo^r. Most obed^t. Hum^e.
Servants
Robert Symonds.
Cornelius Moll.
John Blunt.

Vizagapatam
Septem^r. the 17th. 1718.

Honble. S^r. &c^t.

The foregoing is Copy of what wrote ₱ the Honble. Comp^a. Ship Metchlepatam, that sailed the day before, we rec^d. Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^t. Lett^r. of the 22^d. August by Peons overland.

The Prudent measures taken by the Gentlemen in the Bay in sending Us the Cash designed Us by the Mary, has obviated those difficulties that seemed to threaten Us, had We been disappointed in that Particular.

As for the timbers we can well enough dispence with the want of them till some other opportunity, to supply Us our new House being covered before the Rains sett in.

Throughout these parts we have had [plenty of rains] which makes Grain grow shea[p . . .] Price it held two Months agoe [. . .] great Hindrance to

Our [. . .] hope we shall have [. . .] amends for that [. . .] Year, shall be brought into Our Present Books; & We must desire the Accomptant, will Credit this settlement for the amount of the Invoice of Bales Laden upon the Maddapollam that were afterwards unfortunately Last & for which we have Debited Fort S^t^. George in Our Lost Books, We respectfully Subscribe

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.
Yo^r^. most obed^t^. Hum^e^.
Servants
ROBERT SYMONDS.
CORNEL^S^. MOLL.
JOHN BLUNT

VIZAGAPATAM
OCTO^R^. THE 6TH. 1718.

N°. 104.

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FOET S^T^. GEOLGE &C^T^.
COUNCIL.

HON^ble^. S^R^. &C^T^.

The Last that we paid Our Reepect to Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. was the 15th. Instant, which was by Vizagapatam Peons since which a Merchant here dispatching Pattamars, We willingly, lay hold of the Opportunity to acknowledge Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. Favour of the 1st. Inst^t^. which arrived our ha[rbour] the 17th. Ditto.

We observe what Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. ment[ion] Relating to Mr. Holcombe's Coming, the R^t^. Honble. Com[p^s^.] Stores, & Dubash [. . .] which we Promise to comply with, so far as lays in our Power, we have already disposed of the Almonds & Kissmasses indifferently well consider^s^: the Latt^r^. was very much spoiled, & the ratts has made a great distruction in the first, as for the kissmasses in few Months more [they] would have been worth Little or Nothing.

[We . . .] ly observe what Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. May [. . . Coja] Gee, & in case [. . .] should Pre[s . . .] Punctua [. . .] given [. . .] happens, We have nothing else Materiall, so beg Leave to subscribe with the utmost Respects.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.
Y^r^. Most obed^t^. Hum^e^.
Servants
WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

METCHLEPATAM
OCTO^R^. THE 18TH. 1718.

N°. 105.

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESI^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORTS S^T^. GEORGE
& S^T^. DAVID &C^T^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.

In answer to Yo^r^. Favour of the 21st. Ins^t^. Our Merchan^ts^. have agreed to bring in 3 or 400 Bales of Callicoes, over & above their Contracts, on the same terms of Prizes, & proportions as therein specifyed, & M^r^. Hastings being advised from the Honble. Govr., of the Moors Threatning Yo^r^. Place with a Blockade that may interrupt Our Correspondance We now send the New Merch^ts^. Acco^t^. Current for this M^os^. in Order to Yo^r^. Making regular adjustments with them.

The Country Government in these Parts as Yet give Us no disturbance, & Our Cloth comes in daily in great quantitys, When We find the ways by land are Stop'd, We shall send Our Lett^rs^. by Cattamaran or other Conveyances most convenient for informing You of the Number of Bales in Our Bounds, We most Respectfully subscribe.

Fort S^t^. David
[3]0th. of Octo^r^. 1718.
List of Ba[les.]
[. . .]

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Yo^r^. Most Obed^t^. Hum^e^.
Serv^ts^.

Francis Hastings
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
[Robert Berriman].
[Thomas Wright].
[Simon Holcombe].
[Robert Brooke].

N°. 106

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Pres^t^. & Govr. &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.

We now forward Duplicate of Our Last dispatched to You the 5th. Ult^o^. on the 24th. of the same M^o^. Came to hand Yo^rs^. of the 1st. of July, wherein we observe the safe arrival of all the ships from great Brittain designed for the Coast, & Bay at Yo^r^. port, on which we heartily Congratulate You.

The 3^d^. Ins^t^. from Mocho imported the Morrice, Capt. Eustace Peacock, with a Cargo of 600 Bales of Coffee, The 7th., the Dartmouth, Capt. Roger Carter, and Addison, Capt. Zachary Hicks, (who died in the Road) from London, they Left the Stanhope, Capt. George Pitt, in the Latt: of 30°. S^o^. & about 25°. Degrees Meridian Distance, from the Cape; 21st. of May, so that we are in Expectation of seeing Her shortly, on the 8th. Ins^t^. imported the Cardonnell from Mocho, Capt. Willm: Mawson, [to send] Wood & Water, here before her Departure for Europe.

Since our Last, we are advised from Surat that Hyder Cooley Cawn, is returning to that City, & that He intends to give Us full Possession of the grants, in the Phirmaund, but expects a Piscash of 200000 Rupees for Himself, & Deputy; besides Presents to under officers for doing it, On his Arrivall, we shall be bett^r^. ascertained of His Demands & if it can be Done by His Means for a Reasonable Sum, we shall readily embrace the Opportunity, we are sorry to hear the Nabobs pro[voked] with You on the [Love] affair, Perhaps it may be from the same inclination for a Piscash.

The season hitherto Promises a Plentifull Crop, we will supply You from this side, with such quantitys of Grain [as you] desire.

A[s . . .] to assist in Our [M . . .] would have [. . .] wish they could have been [. . .].

[. . .] Company advise were all they could gett. We are

Bombay Castle
Septr. 13th. 1718.

Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.
Yo^r^. Most Affec^te^: friends &
Hum^e^. Serv^ts^.

Charles Boone.
Laurence Parker.
Step^n^. Strutt.
John Clapham.
John Braddyll.
Walter Brown.

No. 107

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PREST. & GOVR. of FORT'S ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID
&CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

Inclosed Comes Our Accot. Cash & the Old Merchts. Accot. for Last month by which You'l find that we want mony to carry on our Investment &ct. with charges Garrison which we desire may be sent with all convenient speed.

The Rains give a Plentifull prospect of Grain, & are no great hindrance to the Curing, & Dying of Our Cloth wch. daily comes into the Bounds, in great quantitys, & with favourable sunshine, we [doubt] not of having a thousand Bales for the Mary, & a full Loading after her Dispatch for the Young Derby.

FORT ST. DAVID
[7TH]. NOVEMR. 1718.

We most respectfully
Subscribe
Honble. Sr. &ct.
Yor. Most obedt. Hume. Servants

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
[ROBERT BERRIMAN].
[THOMAS WRIGHT].
[SIMON HOLCOMBE].
[ROBERT BROOKE].

No. 108

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PREST. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CT. COUNCIL.

HonBLE. SR. &CT.

We paid our Respect to Yor. Honr. &ct. the 18th. Ulto. & this comes expressly to advise th[at] the Sloop, & Our Boat, has been for some days over the Barr, & Loaded both to one boat, since which the wind has continued extraordinary fresh, which hinders all boats going off ; thô the appearance was no otherwise (by the Judgement of three Capts.) as the full of the Moon then the weather being settled ; we wish there may no Accidt. happen to Our Rt. Honble. Masters Goods.

Seib Jadah is about removing His Camp from Bswarr this way.

We are in readiness to embarque as soon as wind & weather will permitt, so we beg Leave to subscribe with the utmost Respects.

METCHLEPATAM
NOVEMR. YE. 6TH. 1718.

Honble. Sr. &ct.
Yor. Most Obedt. Humble. Servants
WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN SANDERSON.

P.S.
We shall be obliged to Leave behind us 37 Timbers & Plank, wth. 4 Gun Carriages & a Quoil of Junck

Id.
W. H.
J. S.

No. 109

To the Hon^le. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Pres^t. & Govr. of Forts S^t. George & S^t. David &c^t. Council.

Honble. S^r. &c^t.

[. . .] of the [14]^th. came to the [. . .] Hugonin dyed the 12th ... of which M^r. Hastings sent immediate advice to the Honble. Govr.

Fort S^t. David
21st. Novem^r. 1718.

We most respectfully Subscribe
Honble. S^r. &c^t.
Yo^r. most obed^t. Hum^ble. Servants

Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thos. Wright.
Simon Holcombe.
Robt. Brooke.

No. 110

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Pres^t. & Govr. of Forts S^t. George
& S^t. David &c^t. Council.

Honble. S^r. &c^t.

According to Yo^r. Order of the 25th. Ins^t. We sent Inclosed an Acco^t. of the Names, Imploym^ts. & days, that the Europe Men have worked upon the Young Derby, which this morning, was carried over our Barr into the Road, & injustice to M^r. Webster the Builder We must say that His constant Labour, & directions to the Black workmen have saved the Right Honble. Comp^y. a very considerable sum of Mony, besides the making Her as compleat, & serviceable a Vessell as any of her Burthen in India.

Fort S^t. David
29th. Novem^r. 1718.

We most respectfully Subscribe
Honble. S^r. &c^t.
Yo^r. most Obed^t. Hum^ble. Servants

Fran^s. Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
[Robt.] Berriman.
[Thos. Wright.]
[Simon Holcombe.]
[Robt. Brooke.]

No. 111

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Pres^t. & Govr. of Fort S^t. George &c^t.
Council.

Honble. S^r. &c^t.

The Evening of the same day wherein Our Peons set out with our Lett^r. of the 6 Ult^o. we rec^d. Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^t. Lett^r. of the 9th. Septem^r. since which we have had Yo^rs. of the 6th. Octo^r. that arrived Us in 22 days.

We do not only gratefully acknowledge Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^t. indulgent kindness in the Particular of our Diet but shall endeavour in some degree to merit that Favour, by being as near as Possible, we can with convenience in our other expences, nor

will we Continue that extraordinary Charge Longer than needs must but take it off monthly in Proportion as provisions grow cheaper.

We are glad to hear of the safe arrival of the Metchlepatam, & hope the next advices will bring news of the Dartmouth Brigantine, we were under some apprehensions on Acco^{t}. of the bad weather that brô back the Philip & George Sloop, but not hearing any thing of her this way conclude she was then past Dieu Point & Possibly might not meet with it.

The Mary may reasonably be expected here by the 10th. of Decem^{r}., before which we dare Promise, to have more Bales ready, than she will find room to take on Board unless she be dispatched half empty from the Bay.

Notwithstanding these bad times our investments goes on chearfully, the greatest impediment we find is from (Him where in reason we might expect the furtherance) the Nabob who stops our Cloth coming from Ganjam, & has lately taken a 1000 Rupees from M^{r}. Symond's servants there, who rather than let it Lye out exposed the weather at this season of the Year consented to give it Him, but we shall [. . .] from Yeilding to these impositions, & dis[. . .] come to Pay the Rent.

[. . .] shall have more than the Mary [. . .] brô in, be [. . .] this & the [. . .] yance.

[. . .] Affairs [. . .] Our People from thence; but the Nabob imagines either that there was a constant loss upon them or that we had some other Interest in putting them off our hands that could induce Us to trouble the king in so trivial a business stands off, & will not take them unless He has a Present for that Service, Our Vaqueel is with him solliciting that, & other matters, who advises Us that He is coming to Chicacull, where we shall have an Opportunity of informing Him better, As for the king's Phirmaund out of Respect to so great a Monarch, we shall not say how Little acco^{t}. they make of it, but shall act in such sort in respect to Our Honble. Masters Affairs, *Ut Nes publica né quid Detrimenti capiat.*

We are sorry we are obliged to give Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. so dismall an acco^{t}. of the State of our Revenue as it stands at present, but by reason we are willing to search into the Originall causes of such a decay we shall crave leave to deferr that work till the next conveyance, & hope it will for the Present suffice to say, that bad Government in the Country, & a Generall decay of Trade th[r]oughout the whole Coast, one year's scarcity back'd by another year's famine, & that followed by an unaccountable mortality, which these People have no other name for than the Small Pox, though by it's Symptoms, & the unmercifull ravage it makes, Little differs from the Plague, may have (without the help of a miracle) produced greater alterations in so small a Place as Vizagapatam.

As to the state of that Ballance due from Our Merch^{ts}. it appears upon the Gen^{ll}. Books of this settlement from the Year 1710 to the end of the year 1715 an abstract of which we have taken, & comes inclosed, but for the reasons of the rise & growth of that Debt, or how they fell into that backsliding, we are at a Loss to tell, unless it were a pure design to secure to themselves an inheritance & oblige the Honble. Comp^{a}. to employ them to the exclusion of all others & that upon such hard terms as they should vouchsafe to agree, to be performed how & when they should think Convenient, next as to their circumstances & their ability to discharge said debt, we can only say that if ever they were wo[rth any t]hing Possibly they may have money for wh[. . .] their condition, being under a close [. . .] Familys are starving at home [. . .] Little or that they are un[. . .].

[. . .] Closed M^{r}: Smyths and [. . .] near as we can by [. . .] that are not yet [. . .].

We respectfully subscribe
Honble. S^{r}. &c^{r}.
Yo^{r}. most Obed^{t}. Hum^{e}. Servants.

Robert Symonds.
Cornelius Moll
John Blunt.

Vizagapatam
Novr. 12th. 1718.

P.S.

By this conveyance we send Our Diarys, Consultations & paymas[rs]. Acco[ts]. for 3 M[os]. as also o[u]r Cash Acco[t]. to the Ult[o]. October.

No. 112

To the Hon[ble]. Joseph Collet Esq[r].
Pres[t]. & Gov[r]. of Forts S[t]. George & S[t]. David &c[t]. Councill.

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[r].

In obedience to Yo[r]. Orders of the 28[th]. Ult[o]. Yesterday Young Narran & His bro[r]. Moodu were called before Us in Consultation & acquainted wth. Kittee Narran their Uncles demand about the Legacy in their Father's will with which they said they could not comply till the disputes between them were examined & decided; therefore We have resolved to send them with all convenient speed, in the mean time, we have given strict charge to our Principal black Servants, to take care, that nothing be convey[ed] out of their Houses, & Godowns; & we send M[r]. Wright with Our Secretary, to take an account of their Moveables; We demanded also, their Family Jewells but are credibly informed that they lye pawned in severall hands [. . . .] Cuddalore, so that their Visible [. . .] consist in Houses & Gardens [. . .] Moveables.

[. . . . . .] On our Gen[. . . . . .]

Fort S[t]. David
[2[D]. Dec[r]. 1718]

[Fran[s]. Hastings].
[John Berlu].
[Matthew Weld].
[Robert Merriman].
[Thomas Wright].
[Simon Holcombe].
[Rob[t]. Brooke].

No. 113

To the Hon[ble]. Joseph Collet Esq[r]:
Pres[t]. & Gov[r]. of Fort's S[t]. George & S[t]. David &c[t]. Council.

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[t].

Inclosed comes our Acco[t]. Cash for Last M[o]. which We desire You'll replenish with all convenient speed, & having nothing more to add We most Respectfully Subscribe.

Fort S[t]. David
8th. Decem[r]. 1718

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[t].
Yo[r]. Most Obed[t]. Hum[e]. Serv[ts].

Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Rob[t]. Berriman.
Tho[s]. Wright.
Simon Holcombe.
Rob[t]. Brooke.

List of Bales Viz[t].

Embaled	660
Beaters	40
Dyers	100
Washers	427
Merch[ts]. Godowns	250
	1477

N°. 114

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRES^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORTS S^T^. GEORGE & S^T^. DAVID &C^T^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.

We are favoured with Yo^rs^. of the 6th. Ins^t^. & according to Yo^r^. Orders shall send the Young Derby with a Loading of Bales, as soon as the winds will Permit.

Inclosed comes Our Merch^ts^. Acco^ts^. for [the last month] & we most Respectfully Subscribe.

[FORT S^T^. DAVID]
[11TH. DEC^R^. 1718]

[Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.]
Yo^r^. Most Obed^t^. Hum^e^. Servants

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
[MATTHEW WELD].
[ROB^T^. BERRIMAN].
[THO^S^. WRIGHT].
[SIMON HOLCOMBE].
[ROB^T^. BROOKE].

N°. 115

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRES^T^. & GOV^R^ : OF FORTS S^T^. GEORGE & S^T^. DAVID &C^T^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.

By the Peons that brô Us Yo^r^. favour of the 9th. We rec^d^. 20000 Pag^s^.

Young Narran run away from Cunimere in the Night time, the Peons that were charged with Him are not yet returned, to give an Acco^t^. of their neglect, but they Pretend that Bang or some stupifying drugs were mixed with their Rice, Narran's Brother is under close confinement till further orders from Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
17TH. DECEM^R^. 1718.

We most respectfully subscribe
Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Yo^r^ : Most Obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Servants

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROB^T^. BERRIMAN.
THO . WRIGHT.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
ROB^T^. BROOKE.

P.S.
Thank God it Rains Plentifully & Like to Continue. } Id^m^.
F.H.

List of Bales

Embaled	752
Dyers	100
Beaters	40
Washers	417
Merch^ts^. Godowns	168
Bales	1477

No. 116

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Prest. & Govr. of Forts St. George & St. David &ct. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ct.

Yor. Lettr. of the 19th. [. . . .] & are using [. . . .] the Peons were sent [. . . .] debts owing to Poinde Chittee Kisna amounting to about 400 Pags. to be paid Young Narran, on Accot. of about 800 Pags. owing to Him from said Poinde Chittee Kisna, & shall send Yor. Honr. &ct. an exact Accot. of that affair, as soon as the Papers relating thereto can be got ready, In the mean time We Congratulate Yor. Success in Making Peace with the Nabob so much for the advantage of our Honble. Masters, & Wishing You a mary Christmass, & happy New year, We most Respectfully Subscribe

Fort St. David
23d. Decemr. 1718.

Honble. Sr. &ct.
Yor. Most obedt. Humble. Servants

Francis Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thos. Wright.
Simon Holcombe.
Rob. Brooke.

P.S.
We have strictly charged Our Head Peon to Secure Narrans Family . . F.H.

List of Bales Vizt.

Embaled...	791
Beaters	30
Dyers	100
Washers	414
Merchts. Godowns	170
Bales	1505

No. 117

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Prest. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ct. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Our Last to Yor. Honr. bore date the 23d. August 1718 ℘ Ship Metchlepatam dup: were sent by the Fortune Brigantine to which Please referr, since that we are [hond.] with Yor. Favours of the 27th. August ℘ King George & [16th. . . ℘] Ann to the needfull of both which we[d . . . nly]

[. . .] asure &ct. sent Us on the Sevll. Ships [. . .] have recd. as ℘ advice, and we were [. . .] such Readyness to dispatch the [. . . .] secured a Good quantity, & shall supply you by the King George or sooner if any Conveyance, we shall Dispatch her to You, we think by Christmass at farthest.

This comes by the Mary Capt. Holden on which Ship we have Laden Sundry Goods for Our Honble. Masters accot. to the Amount of Rupees 3,52,185–6–9 as ℘ Invoice and bill of Lading enclosed, being designed as our Proportion of Her Cargo to Great Brittain; We have also Laden on her, Sundry Stores for the use of Yor. Presidency, amounting to Rupees 4606–14–6 as ℘ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed, & we have Laden Sundry Stores on Her for the use of St. Helena amounting to Rupees 577–6–3 as ℘ Invoice, & Bill of Lading, sent in Our Pacquet for the Govr. & Council of that Place.

Capt. Holden has had His full Proportion of Petre He demanded for making His ship sailworthy & He is not to Demand more from Yor. Honr. &ct. He is ordered to touch at Vizagapatam, in His way, to take in the Bales which you advise lye there ready for Him, so pray God send Him a safe & Speedy arrivall with You.

The Heathcote is nearly Loaded & will be dispatched directly for great Brittain in 7 or 8 Days & we see no reason to doubt giving the Grantham Her Dispatches by the Middle of Janvary directly Home.

We observe what Yor. Honr. &ct. write About our Surrat Ships & are much of Your Opinions for their Proceeding in that Voyage, We are

FORT WILLIAM
THE 6TH. DECEMR. 1718.

Honble. Sr. &ct.
Yor. most Humble Servants

SAMLL. FEAKE.
JAMS. WILLIAMSON.
HENY. FRANKLAND
WILLM. SPENCER.
[WATERWTH] COLLETT.
[. . .]

P.S.
We send Yor. Hon. &ct. in our Pacquet a Copy of our Examination of Thos. Nelthrop who we find has often attempted to Commit Sodomy with his black servant Philip Williams, & upon further enquiry we are [sure] there's great reason to believe Him guilty of [any] Brutality in His Last Voyage to Suratt [. . .] with his wife at Fort St. Davids, [. . .] now sent him Prisoner on this ship [. . . .] Phillip Williams to Yor. Honr. &ct. would give a Reexamination.

No. 118

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESt. & GOVR. OF FORT St. GEORGE &Ct. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

The 18th. Inst. the Ship Mary Capt. Holden arrived here from Bengall, since which we have been employed in Putting on Board the Honble. Compas. Bales to the amount of 202, amounting as ℘ Invoice to Pags. 13710 fa. 17 ca. 14, the Remainder being 242. We have Laden, upon the Ship Page, belonging to the Chief amounting to as ℘ Invoice Pags. 12620–16–26 Cash & what we have in our Washers hands, & coming out of the Country, we design to lade upon another ship, belonging to the Chief that will be ready to sail about the middle of next Month.

The Country round about Us being in Peace & Quietness, & we by means of the Duan & Muzendar tolerably well with the Nabob, Mr. Symonds takes His Passage, upon the Mary for Fort St. George having delivered over the Honble. Company's Cash Books & accots. to Mr. Cornelius Moll.

We have made the Greatest Dispatch We Possibly could to get the Ship Page ready to sail in Company with the Mary, & Capt. Holden has been so kind to spare His Second Mate a very able man to carry Her to Fort St. George; the Invoice & Bills of Lading of both ships are sent enclosed.

The Company's Cash being exhausted the Chief has Lent the Honble. Compa. Pags. 583 fa. 21 ca. 38 & drawn Bills, Payable to the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr. for said sum, which will be sufficient for expences & to carry on Our Business till He can return wth. a further [Supply].

Three of our Madrass Bricklayers [. . .] & have been paid Batty & their [. . .] Month, we have not further [. . .]

[VIZAGAPATAM]
[DECEMR. YE. 25TH. 1718.]

[Honble. Sr. &ct.]
[Yor. most Obedt. Humble. Servants]

[ROBERT SYMONDS].
[CORNELIUS MOLL].
[JOHN BLUNT].

N°. 119

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presd^t^. & Govr. of Fort S^t^. George &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

We have Laden on this ship Page on Acco^t^. the Honble. Company, 242 Bales amounting to Pag^s^. 12620·16·26 as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading which come herewith enclosed, We are.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Yo^r^. most Obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Servants

Vizagapatam
Decem^r^. y^e^. 25th. 1718.

Robert Symonds.
Cornelius Moll.
John Blunt.

N°. 120

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.

Pres^t^. & Govr. of Fort's S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

Inclosed come the Severall Consultations, & Papers that relate to differences in Acco^ts^. bet[ween] the Company's Chief Dubash Narran, & Poindee Chitty Kisna, wherein We hope Our Proceeding[s . . .] with Yo^r^. Approbation, the Dubash had [. . .] guilty of any misdemeanour. & Kisna [. . .] Vile practices; Nevertheless [. . .] Papers [. . .] Places, he had Liber[ty . . .] to appear, & [a . . .] but upon a [. . .] hindred en[. . .] again qui[. . .] Sums on Acco^t^. the Said Dubash Narran to Our Sec^ry^. who was to make it good to Him after giving & taking the needfull discharges which accordingly was done before we rec^d^. Yo^r^. Lett^r^. in favour of Poindy Chitty Vencatty Patty Brother to Poindy Chitty Kisna, the obligation for the severall debts being made in the name of said Kisna, whose Bro^r^. Vencatty is also guilty of a great Crime for running away from this Place Last year without making any complaint or reason for it.

Paper N°. 6 is the Justice's report about a Murther suspected to be Committed upon a child for which the Woman Supposed Guilty is imprisoned till Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. further Orders.

We conclude this Year, & shall begin the next with Our Hearty wishes for Success to Our Honble. Masters Affairs, Yo^r^. Health & Prosperity, & most Respectfully Subscribe

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Yo^r^. Most obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Servants

Fort S^t^. David
31st. Decem^r^. 1718.

Frans^s^. Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Robert Meeriman.
Thomas Wright.
Simon Holcombe.
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